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confidence, the goodwill of the

electorate. Because we failed

to communicate with the

people and to show we under-

stood their concerns. We were

voted out for reasons of senti-

ment as well as substance. The

free and prosperous society

that we had championed be-

came tainted with the image of

Consultant Secretary

Backbench poll is blow for Hague New 1922 chairman opposes local Tory votes for leader



on party's Right wing

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

CONSERVATIVE MPs apparently rebuffed the party machine last night by choos-ing as their backbench leader a prominent rightwinger who is against giving activists a vote in next month's leader-

Sir Archibald Hamilton was elected as the chairman of the 1922 Committee, whose executive will today decide the timing and format of the leadership contest. The new executive also includes John Butterfill and Geoffrey Johnson Smith as vice-chairmen, Michael Mates and Marion

Roe as joint secretaries, and Sir Peter Emery as treasurer.

If they support Sir Archibald's line, demands for activists to get a 20 per cent say will be frustrated. And that will be a blow for William Hague, the activists' frontline choice, who yesterday sur-prised MPs by becoming the first leadership candidate to criticise John Major.

As the 1922 votes taking place in a Westminster committee room, Mr Hague shifting fudge" of the recent past and called for a fresh start under a clear lead.

In what was interpreted as an attack on Mr Major's stance on a single European currency. Mr Hague said: "A fresh start means uniting the party behind a clear position. One of the lessons of the past few years is that it is easier to unite the party behind a clear position than a constantly shifting fudge.

The former Welsh Secretary

intended to criticise any individual. But he added: "It must be clear to all of us that in future we must speak with one voice, that we must unite behind common positions and that all members of the Cabinet or Shadow Cabinet will be

expected to do so." Mr Hague's supporters made no attempt to deny interpretations of advances of his speech which saw it as a criticism of the way Mr Major ran the party. Some even welcomed the fact that the

apparent attack had given the

speech more attention. But it appeared that the Hague camp had also been motivated by private criti-cisms that their candidate was too much like Mr Major. Some of his supporters are worried that he is the secondchoice of too many MPs and they need to ensure that he is the leading rightwinger to be

sleaze, greed, self-indulgence sure of getting to final ballot. and division. He urged the party to "re-light the torch of freedom" Mr Hague told a meeting of party activists that the Conser-

ating rout" it had suffered, said: "Now we have to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and get doing again."

Mr Major's friends voiced disappointment about the speech. One said it was rather naive and added: "It shows up his lack of experience and might cost him votes.

Supporters of leadership rivals also suggested that he had made a gaffe. While John Redwood has sought to portray himself as untainted by the failures of the last Government, other contenders have Continued on page 2, col 4

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IN BRIEF

New 'DAs' will have to explain decisions

By Frances GIBB AND STEWART TENDLER

THE powers of 42 Americanstyle district attorneys who will be responsible for prosecutions in their areas were outlined yesterday as part of the Government's radical revision of the prosecution service.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) will be reorganised so that a chief crown prosecutor is responsiplus one for the Metropolitan and City of London forces. The chief crown prosecutor will have extensive devolved powers, full management responsibilities and a responsibility to liaise closely with the local chief constable.

The chief crown prosecutor will be "named, known and publicly accountable" and will work with the chief constable to "manage their respective parts of the investigation and proesecution process, to improve the overall performance and to give society what it wants - more of the guilty prosecuted and convicted.

The reorganisation reflects the Government's concern at the decline by a third in the number of convictions at a time of increasing crime. The present CPS structure, with 13 regions working with 43 police forces and 24 criminal justice liaison committees, is regarded as unwieldy; it is thought its procedures may work against

securing convictions.

The chief crown prosecutor in each police force area will have to produce an annual report for the local police authority and local councils. He or she would be expected to develop, close relations with the chief constable and other senior officers and would be expected to be much more sensitive to local concerns about particular crimes.

Under Mr Straw's plan. Crown Prosecution Service officials would have to explain to victims of crime any decision to discontinue a case or downgrade a charge.

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ster Council."



Becky Halliday, who yesterday won the right to a disability allowance to help her to meet the extra living costs caused by her deafness, including hiring a sign language interpreter. Page 3

Landmines are to be banned

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Solzhenitsyn is taken to hospital

The Nobel prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsvn. cardiac intensive care unit of the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow.

The hospital is normally reserved for senior government officials. Yesterday a spokesman refused to give any details of his condition......Page 15

Ringing changes

The Government is considering making the fitting of bicycle bells compulsory, Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, said last night in a written reply.

Tony rewards his House-trained poodles

BORING. That was the verdict after the new, improved, extra-length, super-construc-tive Prime Minister's Questions, unveiled amidst much excitement yesterday. Within days, Tony Blair has experienced a sensation it took Margaret Thatcher years to organise: scores of little wet backbench tongues caressing the prime ministerial boot; a sea of moist, adoring eyes around him; and the sound of orchestrated panting from

Reporters' pencils dropped onto empty notepads. Tories stared at the rafters. Even Labour backbenchers yawned. One Liberal Democrar left almost before his leader had finished speaking. neo questions from Paddy Ashdown being more than he could bear.

those desirous of office.

In short. Tony Blair's reform was a complete success. for him, Interest leaked away from the session as fast as water from Thames Water's

Political Sketch

Matthew Parris

pipes.
The new Prime Minister managed his first 30-minute interrogation with ease. Mr Blair was not so much grilled as gently burnished over a warm flame, as with a marshmallow. Claims that the re-forms to PM's Questions will offer an opportunity for holding the premier to account, came to nothing. Instead, a troupe of backbench poodles came prancing in, on cue, with an array of patsy questions. choreographed by whips.

Labour poodles are not the same as Tory poodles. Tories would ask their Prime Minister to remind us how dreadful the Opposition were. Labour backbenchers ask Mr Blair to remind us how wonderful be is. Thus, yesterday, Jean Corston (Lab. Bristol E) asked

pressed concern about the movie's

sexually humiliating depiction of

women. It called on the Government to

clarify guidelines on film censorship,

rather than relying on the film indus-

try's own rulings through the British Board of Film Classification.

This was the first time that Westmin-

ster had exercised such powers, over-

ruling the BBFC, which gave the film

an 18-certificate last January. It means

that when it is released nationwide on

June 6, it can be screened at cinemas

beyond the borough of Westminster,

his determination to prevent crime. Stephen Twigg (Lab. Enfield Southgate) begged him to expand on his plans to create a "Drugs Czar". Lorna Fitzsimons (Lab. Rochdale) longed for good news about crackdowns on antisocial behaviour. All were rewarded

with a biscuit. Eric Illsley (Barnsley Centrai) requested (and — abraca-dabra! — received) a miniannouncement on plans torestrict landmines. And Stuart Bell (Lab, Middlesbrough) told his Leader that his conduct had been so splendid that all we could ask was what Mr Blair might do for an encore?

By now Mr Blair's boot had been licked until soggy. But Maria Fyfe (Lab, Glasgow Maryhill) was anxious for a lick, too. Ms Fyfe's voice reaches a pitch audible only to bats, but some words of her question did dip to human frequency. They included "congratulate", "My Rt Hon a secret pre-election promise not to include BT in a windfall tax. The PM is less than

the Prime Minister to tell us of Friend the Prime Minister," and "new questions session."

And still the extended tongues dangled, hopeful. But it was 3.30. In half an hour Mr

Blair had had time to be told how marvellous he was almost a dozen times. No wonder he prefers these new. longer sessions! Having replied, almost as often, how determined he is to conduct these exchanges "in a con-structive spirit", his attacks on the Tories were sneaky rather swer being that he cannot promise much because the Tories have left such a mess.Mr Blair's other standard response is how important it is to give hope to the hopeless, a sentiment to which

it is hard to take exception. John Major did his best to rattle him, receiving no answer to a claim (twice repeated) that Labour had ratted on

even a few streets away in neighbour-

the licensing sub-committee that made

the decision, dismissed the film as

"bordering on obscenity" and ex-

pressed concern about its influence. He

said that there was to much violence,

both on and off screen. "I'm not talking

about going back to Disney or The

Sound of Music," he said. "But we've

The verdict was not unanimous.

Kate Wilkins was one of three council-

Councillor John Bull, chairman of

ing Kensington or Camden.

had enough of violence."



Blair because it always comes up smell-

convincing under pressure. But with Labour tongues ready only to lick, and Tory teeth sunk firmly into each other's bottoms, it is hard to see where pressure will come from. "Events, dear boy." Harold Macmillan once said,

lors - two Labour and one Conserva-

tive - who opposed a ban. However.

her defence of the movie had nothing to

do with its qualities. Banning it from

Westminster's 30 cinemas, she

warned, gives "monumental publicity"

to a "boring and tedious film". Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary,

declined to comment. His spokeswom-

en said: "The censorship of films is not

a matter for us. It's for the Home

Office." A spokeswoman for the Home

Office said: "It's a matter for Westmin-

Council bans 'Crash' from West End cinemas

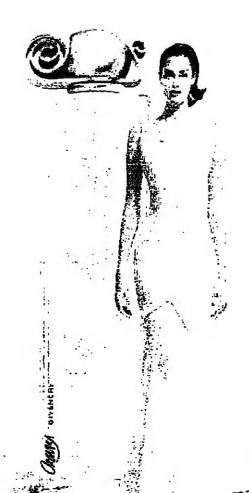
By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A FILM which explores the supposed sexual allure of mutilated car crash victims was banned by Westminster Council yesterday. The decision means that David Cronenberg's Crash, inspired by J.G. Ballard's 1970s novel. will not be screened in London's West

The Conservative council feared that it could "deprave and corrupt" the immature and vulnerable and ex-

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THE NEW PERFUMED BATH LINE

Forces will have to destroy all landmines

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ALL anti-personnel landmines held by the Army are to be destroyed by 2005. Their use until then has been suspended under a moratorium announced yesterday by the Government.

Moving swiftly to meet a commitment of the Labour election manifesto. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. and George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, also jointly announced a ban on the import, export, transfer and manufacture of all forms of anti-personnel landmines.

The moratorium on the use of the mines will also affect the runway-denial bomblets dropped by RAF Tornados in low-level raids during the Gulf War in 1991. Ministry of Defence sources said yesterday that the official definition of anti-personnel mines also covered these air-

launched systems. After consultation with Services chiefs. Mr Cook and Mr Robertson said that "in exceptional circumstances", antipersonnel mines could be used between now and 2005 "if. for a specific operation, the security of our Armed Forces would be jeopardised without the possibility of the use of landmines".

Defence sources said: "The special circumstances mean if we have to go to war."

The previous Government announced a similar moratorium on the use of antipersonnel mines last year.



The Army cleared many

to allow mines to be used in special circumstances, they promised Parliament. The other main difference in

However, one difference is

that if Labour ministers agree

policy is that the Government has also decided to ban the purchase of "smart" mines that self-destruct, and a programme to develop a new antipersonnel mine has been cancelled. The Conservative Government proposed to replace the existing stocks of dumb" mines: about half of the stocks have already been destroyed.

MoD sources said that the deadline of 2005 would give sufficient time to develop an alternative capability. One optiun, they said, was to improve bardefield surveillance and to use air blast mortar systems.

It is possible, however, that the deadline could be brought forward. Mr Cook also announced yesterday, in a written Commons reply, that the Government intended to play a fuller part in negotiating an international ban on antipersonnel mines under the socalled Ottawa process, which involves 50 countries.

Canada invited countries to negotiate a deal and although Britain participated last year. the Government is "more committed" to reaching an agreement, even though it would not be a global ban. Canada set a deadline for the end of this year.

Britain will also continue to lay a part in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. to persuade the main export countries to stop selling landmines. Britain effectively stopped manufacturing, exporting and importing mines

in the Commons reply. Mr Cook said: "Every hour another three people lose their life or lose a limb from stepping on a landmine. Landmines have limited military use, but create unlimited civilian casualties."

The International Committee of the Red Cross has estimated that there are 120 million landmines laid across

Loopholes warning on field of battle

BY OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE manufacture, export and use of anti-personnel mines has become one of the most politically sensitive issues among governments wishing to be seen as acting responsibly in the face of worldwide outrage over the continuing appalling civilian casualty toll. Of the 50 mine producers in the world, about 46 have now signed up to some form of moratorium. But, as Stuart Maslen, legal adviser to the mines unit of the International Committee of the Red Cross. said yesterday, banning use, not just production and export, provides the key to a real the casualty figues of 2000-a-

Britain, like many other advanced countries with modern professional armies, has heen happy, until now, to embrace the campaign for a global ban on mines - started by the ICRC in February 1404 - but without surrendering the right to use anti-personnel devices for the protection of its

troops in war. Mine-laying has remained part of Army training and its use in warfare strategy has been justified at the highest level. The last rime mines were laid by the British Army was in the Falklands War in 1982 and in the 1991

The role of the mine in war is to protect military bases and key installations, divert enemy forces, deny routes to the enemy and to slow enemy

There have already been moves to get round a ban in some countries by renaming them anti-personnel devices as "directed fragmentation charges" and having them detonated by a soldier, rather than simply being stepped on

Colin King, editor of Jane's Mines and Mine-Clearance. warned that there were still many loopholes that would have to be addressed by the international community before a global ban could be regarded as effective.

UK BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES ---



The 1922 Committee was set up after a Tory backbench rebellion led to the fall of Lloyd George's administration

The men in grey suits who can determine their leaders' fate

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY leaders have long shown nervous deference to the small group of granitefaced backbenchers who can

end their careers at a stroke. The executive of the backbench 1922 Committee still wields considerable, if waning, influence over the party leadership. The 18 members of the executive are still referred to as "the men in grey suits", despite the recent appearance of floral dresses. However, the predominance of long-serving MPs on the executive ensures that it remains mainly the preserve of

the elderly Tory male. The committee was formed after a Carlton Club revolt by Tory backbenchers forced the party leadership to end the coalition with the Liberals in 1922, bringing Lloyd George's resignation and ensuring that the Conservatives took power. The cabin boys have taken over the ship." Lord Birkenhead declared. The party formed a commit-

By Andrew Pierce

THE election of Sir Archibald Hamilton

is a victory for the parliamentary old

guard. The Thatcherite former Defence Minister is the leader of the movement of

Tory MPs opposed to party activists

having any vote in next month's selection

of a successor to John Major.
The former Coldstream Guards Officer

put his outright opposition to the pro-posed changes to the leadership rules at the heart of his election campaign. It was

a high risk strategy. Many of the 163 other

MPs taking part in the ballot had come

under enormous pressure from their

constituency associations to support

last night, in Committee Room 14 where

Margaret Thatcher's period as Prime

The MPs taking part in the secret ballot

1922 vote a blow to Hague

Continued from page I refrained from attacking the administration of which they

Michael Howard's allies were meanwhile insisting that he had not suffered from his Commons mauling by the former Prisons Minister Ann Widdecombe and had actualpicked up four more pledges of support.

Mr Howard was writing to constituency chairman sup-porting a review of the leader-

tee comprising Tory MPs who had entered the Commons in 1922, to ensure that backbench opinion was more effectively channelled to the party leadership. Shortly afterwards, the committee was expanded to include all backbenchers.

It is a role still valued by backbenchers, especially in opposition when the absence power can lead to an dangerously conspiratorial atmosphere. The job of the

ship selection rules to give ordinary members a voice and offering to put himself up for re-election once the new stem was in place.

The other 1922 executive members elected were: Sir Sydney Chapman, Michael Colvin, Christopher Gill, John Greenway, Robert Key, Sir David Madel, Francis Maude, Sir Michael Spicer, John Townend, Peter Viggers, Sir Ray Whitney and Nichotas Winterton.

1922's chairman is to pass on backbench feeling, discussed by the executive every week. The seniority of the 1922's chairman offers experience and raises him (there has never been a female chairman) above the temptation of patronage. If the prospect of a peerage tempts him to kowtow to the leadership, backbench disdain brings him to heel.

During the Major administration. David Mellor's career

MAN IN THE NEWS

Minister came to an end in November-

1990, were in no doubt that a win for Sir

Archibald was a defeat for change. But he

had accurately gauged the mood of the

parliamentary party which was to retain

their jealously guarded privilege of decid-

Sir Archibald, 55, and the newly elected

executive will set the rules for the

leadership contest. He will in effect

become the party's new kingmaker. Despite his opposition he will still have to

begin negotiations with the National

Union, the voluntary wing of the party, which is championing the cause for change. But members of the the National

Union will be dismayed by the vote. Only last week he said: "We cannot have a

ing their next leader.

came to grief, partly because of the 1922 executive. In 1992, as Mr Mellor retained hopes that he could remain National Heritage Secretary, with controversy engulfing his private life, executive members were voicing their dismay to Richard Ryder, the then Chief

Whip. The same day he left. Even Margaret Thatcher saw office slide away amid dwindling support from the executive. In November 1990, as she vowed to fight on after the first ballot of the Tory leadership election, mixed signals were emerging from the men in grey suits. Her hours were numbered.

She knew from personal experience the 1922's power to end a minister's career, even in the face of loyalty from the. party leader. Sir Leon Brittan had been forced to resign as Trade and Industry Secretary over the Westland affair in 1986. Sir Leon had retained the backing of the Prime Minister. As Lady Thatcher, records in her biography, he could not convince - backbenchers to back hint



may not enjoy the majority support of the parliamentary party. It could happen under the proposed changes to the Sir Archie, a bluff and uncompromsing by 52 per cent and the overall crims haterby 5 per cent, statistics show

figure, believes that the various proposals which have been put forward are an illthought response to the rout of May L A Privy Counsellor and fermer parlia-

mentary private secretary to Margaret. Thatcher, he entered Parliament in a byelection in Epsom and Ewell in 1978. He was a Government whip for four years. before becoming a junior Defence Minister from 1986-87. He rose the ranks to become Minister of State for the Armed Forces. An Old Etonian and a former lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, he represents the dying breed in the Tory Parliamentary party: the aristocrat:

Officials meet Sinn Fein delegation

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, moved yesterday to prevent Northern Ireland's marching season from descending into violent clashes as government officials held talks with Sion Fein in the search for a new ceasefire, Today Ms Mowlam flies to Washington for talks in advance of President Clinton's visit to London during which he is expected to call for a fresh IRA ceasefire.

The first talks between British government officials and Sinn Fein since the ending of the IRA ceasefire 15 months ago took place as Ms Mowlam visited Roman Catholics living along the routes of the most contentious Orange parades. She said: "It is only by talking and negotiation that we will get a settlement that both sides can live with. Martin McGuinness, who led the Sinn Fein delegation, said it was "too soon to say" if the differences between the Government and Sinn Fein had been resolved.

Whitehall review starts

The Government has launched a review of the way public services are hived off to private firms. David Clark, the Public Service Minister, has asked senior officials to eschew the dogmatic approach of the Tories that the private sector is always best, but he is still expecting to find substantial savings in Whitehall. Last night Cabinet Office officials met to discuss a new efficiency strategy combining the need for savings with a less doctrinal view of privatisation.

Relatives kept in dark

A couple have protested to the Police Complaints Authority after it took officers four weeks to inform them of their son's death, even though their telephone number was on a piece of paper marked "Mum and Dad" in his wallet. Paul Jones, 29, a security guard who died alone in his London home from an asthma attack, was classified as having no known next of kin. Mr Jones's remarried mother fenny and stepfather lan Stephens, who wrote regularly, live in Arkansas.

Extradition defeat

A businessman facing £4.5 million bribery and corruption charges yesterday lost his legal struggle to stop his extradition to Hong Kong Five Law Lords overturned a High Court ruling that the former Home Secretary, had misdirected himself when he ordered Ewan Launder to be returned to the colony. Mr Launder, 61, of Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire, says he fears inhuman treatment if he is tried in Hong Kong under Chinese rule.

Libel apology for Moore

The actor Roger Moore accepted a public apology from the Daily Mail over an article suggesting he had made his estranged wife endure a bitter year long battle over finances before reaching a settlement. The High Court was told that Moore and his wife of 27 years, Luisa, had agreed an amicable financial settlement shortly after their separation. The newspaper will also pay Mr Moore's legal costs for the

Murder rate halved

Republic of Ireland has halved since a clampdown Veronica Guerin, the journal malist (right), in Dublin last fune. Between January and April last year 17 people were murdered compared in eight in the same period-this year. The mimber of armed robberies has fallen-



Bell visits airport protest

Martin Belli the newly elected MP for Talton, yesterday visited the site of the Manchester Airport runway protest, which he in his constituency, and expressed concern for the safety of the campaigners. As bailiffs spent a second day evicting them from the treetops. Mr Bell said he had been assured by Randal Hibbert, the Under Sheriff of Cheshire. that his team of 60 men were carrying out the evictions in a

Straw appoints taskforce to examine youth crime system

By STEWART TENDLER

A TASKFORCE of youth crime experts is to examine the treatment and punishment of young offenders. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. said yesterday. The group will be appoint-

ed within the next formight and begin work immediately on proposals for a Crime and Disorder Bill this autumn. The taskforce will advise the Government on "root and branch overhaul".

The taskforce, which will consist of about 12 people, was announced by Mr Straw in his first major speech on law and order policy since he took office. He also announced to the Police Federation in Blackpool the reorganization of the Crown Prosecution Service and a wide-ranging investigation into its failure to

bring criminals to book. Mr Straw said an international survey published last week showed that more than a third of people in England and Wales were victims of crime last year. Not even the United States had such high figures, and in Europe only

The current system percrime, he said, "Intervention is slow, inconsistent and lax" Many offenders had suffered erratic parenting, which was indulgent one minute and harsh the next. The criminal

mimic those faults. Mr Straw said the taskforce would include police, mem-bers of the Audit Commission, a critic of the youth justice system, civil servants, probation officers, social workers and lay experts.

justice system should not

Nurses defend 'Nitty Noras', unsung heroines of schools

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN's health is being put at risk because so many chool nurses are being laid off to save money, the Royal College of Nursing said vesterday.

The cuts are already decimating the school health service in some parts of the country and cash-strapped health authorities everywhere are beginning to see school nurses as a low priority. The nurses annual conference in Harrogate agreed that nurses keep children physically healthy but they were ableto care for mental and behavioural problems, give advice about diets and contraception and were a trusted shoulder to cry on.

only did the 5,000 school

We are there for them if they lose their grandmother or their kitten, said Arme Asprey, who looks after 1,700 children at seven schools in South-Buckinghamshire. "We statutory requirement for evcan sort out behaviour prob- ery school child to have access lems in a way their teachers to a nurse.

saving money in this way can't because they trust us. We would be a false economy. Not have built up experience in have built up experience in how to deal with them and there is no doubt that we save many from mental illness or crime." She is one of 16 school aurses in her area who have now been warned that their numbers are to be cut to ten: That would put up the number of schools I have to deal with to ten." The conference agreed an

emergency motion to press the

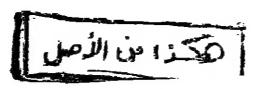
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Pete Goss, centre right, Raphael Dinelli, and their wives

added, Also on board Aqua

Quorum will be Catherine Chaband of France with

whom Goss was in regular touch on his way round the

chance for us to get away together, have a few beers and

marathon race on Whirlpool Europe 2 just a few hours behind him at the end of

"She has also become a very good friend," he said. "I've done a non-stop single-handed round-the-world race and made two good friends, one by finding him in a liferaft and the other by talking to her on the radio."

Dinelli was one of the estimated 100,000 people who turned up to welcome Goss at the finish of the Vendee, at Les Sables d'Olonne in France. He has since visited the British skipper and his wife Tracey at their home in Cornwali and was among 500

at Tor Point.

In the autumn the two plan to compete in a transatlantic race together on Aqua Quorunt, but before that Goss is to be Dinelli's best man at his wedding in Les Sables in August. "It's going to be a real gathering because I've got loads of friends there."

Goss also said that it has taken him until now to recover from the ordeal of the Vendee and all the promotional and publicity work which came after it which has still left him with a huge overdraft.

"It's only now that I feel I am getting my feet back on the ground. It's been all go

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Chaste men live longer than men who chase

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

MALES would live longer if they were not forever pursuing sex, a British geneticist

David Gems of University College London reached his conclusion after studying nematode worms. He found that male worms left on their own lived for 20 days, longer than the female average lifespan of 16 days. But when males were kept together, their lifespan fell to just ten days. This he attributes to the stress of constant competition - they were perpetually defending territory - and the search for mates.

Among humans it is women who live longer, but men have the genetic potential to do better, he told a meeting of the Zoological Society of London last week. To test the idea, he looked at the life span of worms with genetic muta-tions that made them less

These males lasted an average of 30 days, New Scientist reports, but the same mutations did nothing to increase the life span of female worms. Technically these are not fe-males at all, but hermaphrodites capable of reproducing by themselves, but Dr Gems treats them as essentially female because they are capable only of making a small num-ber of sperm for self-

fertilisation. "in males but not in hermaphrodite females, life span is limited by the rate of movement," he says. When a certain threshold of activity is exceeded, a worm's life is shortened. "Males are naturally above that threshold. and so their life spans are shorter." He speculates that males have evolved this enhanced longevity to compensate for the dangers of risky

mating behaviour. The worms may not be a perfect model, but Dr Gems says that there is evidence that other species, including man, live longer if the sexual drive is removed. Male marsupial mice which are castrated live for years, instead of just a few sex-mad weeks. "They spend 5 to 11 hours a day copulating"

he says. A study of euruchs pub-lished in 1969 showed that their median life span was 13.5 years longer than that of intact males. Dr Gems also says that although women tend to outlive men, there are more men aged over 90 than women.



Jerry Lewis, who will be making his West End debut, mugs for the press yesterday

Jerry Lewis: over-sexed, over 70 and over here

By Damian Whitworth

JERRY LEWIS, the 1950s king of zany comedy, roared into London ahead of his West End debut yesterday. At 71, the American actor is a great-grandfather and has a five-year-old daughter.

He stopped the traffic in The Strand by kissing his wife, Sam, so ferociously it looked for a moment as though she might not survive. He danced precariously along walls for photographers and laughed his filthy laugh.

That Lewis is still on his feet

seems to defy the facts. While many of his friends, from President Kennedy to Dean Martin, have fallen by the wayside, he has survived major heart surgery, made over 50 films, and fathered six

at the Adelphi Theatre next month it will be his 785th performance in the musical Damn Yankees since he took the part in 1995. His contract runs until the year 2000. He plays the devil, to whom a baseball fan sells his soul in

order to become the greatest player in the world.
"But I've been playing the devil all my life," said Lewis, breaking again into that laugh. "I have never worried about anything. That's why I get into trouble all the time. I smoked five packs a day. They opened my heart with a Black & Decker and I thought that would be the time to knock it off. But I shall continue to keep going until these

young kids burn out," he said of his fellow cast members. Lewis, whose film credits

include It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World and the original The Nutty Professor. explained the secret of his longevity and seemingly limitless energy. "It's up here," he said tapping his forehead. "I don't allow any negativity in my life. There are too many people wandering around leaking like the ere product. looking like they are wonder-

ing why they are alive. I'm looking forward to opening my eyes tomorrow morning."
When he found a photograph of Dean Martin, his one-time comedy partner, in the foyer of the Adelphi theatre it gave him "a quick nudge in the heart". The Martin and Lewis double act was one of the top showbiz attractions of the 1950s. They

made 18 films together and became multi-millionaires.

When he takes to the stage ze strikes

RRESPONDENT

misfortunes in the family. The Duke has been banned from driving for eight years follow-ing five drink-driving convic-tions. His brother, Lord Hugh, died at the age of 48

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last year. His nephew Brenden Douglas-Hamilton, 22, was badly injured in a car accident earlier this year. The Duke's cousin Sophie Buchanan-Watt, 28, has recently spoken of her three attempted suicides and of her work as a stripper in New York.



one of the lost portraits

Rolex watch stolen at Café Royal

A BUSINESSWOMAN was robbed of an £8,000 Rolex watch inside the Café Royal in London. Doreen Chipchase was drinking with a friend when a man lunged at her wrist and pulled off the watch. Mrs Chipchase, 57, a candidate for the Referendum Party at the general election, struggled with the man as he also tried to steal her handbag. A bracelet was snapped during the attack, on Monday, which left Mrs Chipchase with bruises to her arms.

Yesterday she complained that the management at the Café Royal, in Regent Street, had delayed calling police. Eventually, her friend's husband called them with his mobile telephone. The manager told me to go to the police station around the corner instead of calling the police to the bar," Mrs Chipchase said.

A spokeswoman for Forte, which owns the Cafe Royal. said that the manager had been about to call the police when officers arrived. A security camera recorded the attacker, who was in his 20s.

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An advert to get up people's noses

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

had its gimmicks. Last night Aromarama, which first penetrated nostrils in America in the 1950s, was resurrected in south London. Gordon's Gin. which is

apparently concerned that people aren't making their G & Ts properly (i.e. with their product) has made an advert during which the smell of juniper berries, the key aromatic ingredient in gin, wafts through the cinema during footage of the spirit cascading into a glass. The technique works by injecting essence of the berries into carbon dioxide which is blown through the air- conditioning of the cinema. Last night's premiere took place in the Ritzy cinema in Brixton.

gin on entering the cinema but this was emanating from the two in 1959 and the unsavoury advertising executives, a number of whom were nursing Sir Denis Thatcher's favourite tipple — large ones — in each hand. The advert began amid

WITH X-ray glasses, 360-degree screens and wobbling seats the cinema has always something identifiable as gin halfway through. Unfortu-nately, somebody decided to show the advert again straightaway. This time there was no smell and there were mutterings afterwards about the machinery breaking

"If this is a great success we shall look at negotiating to release the advert on a larger scale," said Andy Neil, United Distillers' marketing director. He then talked excitedly of being able to offer viewers the taste of the drink while they watched. Though of course that would mean changing the licensing laws."

Perhaps a clue to the likely future success of Aromarama lies in looking back. The British Film Institute knows of There was a strong whiff of only four recorded instances of cinematic aromas, one in 1940. sounding Polyester, filmed in Odorama in a brief 1982 renaissance. The cinemagoing public took one sniff and

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Children off school falling victim to fatigue syndrome'

attend school for long pendos are victims of chronic fatigue syndrome, researchers say

Jane Colby, a former headmistress who is recovering from the condition, formerly known as ME, and Dr Eliza beth Dowseit a consultant microbiologist, conducted a five-year survey of 333,000 children and 27,000 teachers at 1,098 schools in six areas. They found that 51 per cent of the children who could not attend school for a year or cates saying they suffered from CFS. more produced medical certifi-

Three hundred and ninety two schools reported long term sickness absence, from which 224 listed CFS; of 885 individual sickness reports, 372 were due to CFS.

The medical world has been divided between those who believe CFS/ME is a mental disorder and those who accept. it is a physical disease. The researchers say their findings, which will appear in the Journal of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome on May 28, indicate that it is a disease and underline the need for microbiological research.

They say one child in 1,400 and one teacher in 200 suffered from the disorder and, in over a third of the cases, there: were "clusters" of three children from the same age group) away at the same time. This points clearly to ME being an infection," Ms Colby said. The biggest cluster extended over a number of schools in an area containing recreational water

Researchers say a survey of 1,098 schools shows the condition once known as ME is a physical disease, Ian Murray reports

figure is much higher than we

have recorded because we

know that there were a lot of

schools which decided not to

The Royal College of Physicians said last night that the best treatment for a child

suffering from CFS was to

send them to school. The best approach is one which encour-

ages a child to lead as normal

a life as possible, with regular

attendance. Prolonged ab-

sence from school, as with

other causes of ill health, affects not only academic per-

formance but also makes it

increasingly difficult to main-

tain a school based social life

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and eventually to return."

gestive of a mini-epidemic" The report indicates a dramatic increase in the number of cases over puberty, peaking in the mid teens; among staff, the largest number affected were in their 40s. This has big implications for education and exams," the report says. Twice as many girls as boys stayed away from school and among staff there were four times as many female teachers affected as male teachers.

To compile the report, the researchers found out how many children and staff stayed away from school for periods of a year or more. They then discovered the medical reasons given. Among children, 51 per cent were diagnosed as suffering from the syndrome. The second largest group, those suffering from cancer and leukaemia accounted for 23 per cent.

The schools in the survey were all volunteers. They agreed to take part only if they were not named. Originally, 2,942 schools were invited, but almost two thirds decided not to join in. There was a reluctance to take part because there remains a massive problem of acceptance about the disease," Ms Colby said.
"Nevertheless, this is a huge survey and shows clearly that there is a shockingly high level



Lynne Kelly: separated from her husband

Judge rejects plea from husband to prevent abortion

A HUSBAND yesterday lost a court plea to stop his wife

The Court of Session in Edinburgh ruled that James decision of his wife, Lynne, to have the termination. Lord Eassie cancelled a temporary court order served on Mrs Kelly, 21. on Thursday preventing her from going ahead

Mrs Kelly, a cabaret singer, is three months pregnant. The couple, who already have an 18-month-old daughter Hazel. were married in 1995 but separated two weeks ago.

Each claimed the other was violent and neglected their daughter. Mr Kelly was seek-ing custody of his young daughter and the unborn

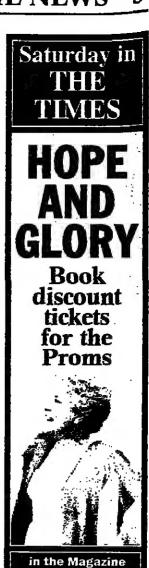
Echoing rulings in English courts, Lord Eassie confirmed that a father had no rights under the Abortion Act 1967 and the Abortion Scotland Regulations 1991 to interfere in his partner's decision to terminate a pregnancy or matter. He also had no rights

to challenge the decision "taken in good faith" of medical to the abortion taking place. Mr Kelly, from Inver-keithing, Fife, claimed that his wife had given false

information to doctors about his alleged violence towards her and therefore their decision was based on incorrect information. Mr Kelly, who was the first father in Britain to be granted

a temporary court order to delay, even temporarily, an abortion, is expected to appeal against Lord Eassie's decision today. His challenge is to be heard by three judges at the Second Division of the Court of Session

Mr Kelly's solicitor. Wendy Sheehan, said: "He will obviously be extremely disap-pointed by the judgment which denies him any rights as the father of the child or creator of the child." Jane Roe of the Abortion Law Reform Association, which campaigns for a woman's right to palled" that the interim inter-



Health authority halts homoeopathy

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A HEALTH authorsy decided to stop sending pa- to provide an intensive care tients to the leading unit or to carry out 100 hip replacements. We feel that cause it does not believe the this is far better use of the treatment is effective. In the money Dr Mawer said.

ewisham Health Amhorny had been sending 800 patients. to the Royal Temperature practic treatment for up to six Hospital, Holborn In Juture, weeks because there was evinon-fundholder GPs in the authority's area will only be able to refer patients there in exceptional circumstances.

This is not done for finan cial reasons but on medical grounds," said Caroline Mawer, for the authority. "We have considered the evidence and found no good scientific effect is produced by homoeopathic

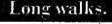
The £250,000 spent each

A HEALTH authority has at the hospital will be enough

-continue to hnance ac ture osteopathy and chiroweeks because there was evidence that this could be beneficial. "We are not against complementary medicine but

Webb, said the decision was disturbing: Ten years ago we might have struggled to prove that homoeopathy was effective but there is now so much evidence to show that it does work that it should be







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Ethnic Britain: report reveals 'the pattern of future generations' as minorities integrate into society

Love and marriage show race barriers are falling

A GROWING trend towards mixed relationships shows how ethnic minorities are integrating into British life. a report said yesterday. Among British-born Caribbeans, half the men and a third of the women now live with a white spouse or partner. Almost half of "Caribbean" children have one white parent.

A major study also found that long-term residence in Britain is slowly influencing the social and religious habits of the three million members of the ethnic minority communities, with a younger generation shedding distinctive features of their ethnic background while retaining a separate identity.

Although mixed relationships form a small proportion of all marriages, marriages with people from the white community are much more significant from the minorities' point of view. The report. Ethnic Minorities in Britain. by the Policy Studies Institute. said that the number of mixedrace relationships might be an indication of the likely pattern for future generations.

It said: "An aspect of family life which is clearly influenced by residence in Britain is the cohabitation, marriage and who have traditionally marchild-rearing. This has always been more prevalent among Caribbeans than among Asians but it is clearly on the

The report added: The process of assimilation and racial mixing seem also to have developed, evidenced in the high levels of Caribbeanwhite parmering, initially by Caribbean men, but now also

Mixed-race relationships are also increasing among Indians and African Asians.



Modood: report shows

the races, with 25 per cent of white people minding if a close ried within their communities. Nineteen per cent of British-born Indian and Africanrelative married someone of ethnic-minority origin. Twelve Asian men and 10 per cent of per cent of Caribbeans would the women had a white partmind if a close relative were to ner, although there were few marry a white person, 39 per cent of Indians, 51 per cent of Pakistanis and 40 per cent of such relationships among Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. Two-thirds of Caribbean Bangladeshis.

and South Asian people who had a mixed race partnership were men, but among the Among younger people, there was less hostility, with almost nine out of ten 16-34 year olds saying they would not mind, compared with four small number of Chinese mixed relationships, the posout of ten people over 50 saying they would mind, and ition was reversed. Two-thirds of the Chinese people with white partners were women. per cent minding very For 40 per cent of children with a Caribbean mother or

The survey included 5,196 people of Caribbean, south Asian and Chinese origin and Asial and clinics origin and 2,867 white people. Tariq Modood, one of the authors, said: "Among older people, a sense of ethnic identity goes together with particular kinds of distinctive cultural practices. Among younger mem-bers, the distinctive features to do with religion, the wearing of Asian clothes, arranged marriages are in decline."

☐ Ethnic Minorities in Britain. published by the Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East. London NWI 3SR. Price EI7.95.



Dennis O'Beirne, his wife, Cheryl, and their son Sean on Clapham Common

Couple who drew hostile stares now find acceptance

WHEN Cheryl and Dennis O'Beirne started courting 12 years ago, drivers would slow down to watch as they walked past. Now. whether they are in a predominantly white or black area of London. hardly anyone takes notice of them.

Occasionally the couple are reminded that pockets of hostility remain. Last year, as they walked down the King's Road with their nine-year-old son the couple were startled by an Afro-Caribbean man shouting abuse about their "mongrel" child. But Sean has not encountered problems at school,

Mrs O'Beirne's parents came to England from Guyana in 1957 and she was brought up for most of her

Dennis O'Beirne and his wife Cheryl have noticed a shift in attitudes to their relationship in the 12 years they have been together, Kathryn Knight writes

father, the other parent was

white, with the usual pattern

being a black father and a

white mother. The study found that black Caribbean

men in work are more likely to

have a white partner and that,

on the limited evidence avail-

able, mixed partnerships are among couples from higher

The issue remains contro-

versial. Among some mem-bers of the black population,

marrying white people is seen

as a betrayal to community

identity. The study found dif-

fering degrees of hastility

socio-economic groups.

early life in Addiscombe. Surrey. Her husband's Irish parents settled in West Hampstead in the 1950s. The couple, who met at a party, married in 1986.

Mrs O'Beirne, who is in her late thirties, had initially been uneasy about being seen in a black area with her white husband, "I remember feeling very nervous about walking down the road and holding his hand. There was definite

hostility in Brixton to what they saw and I used to feel like we were a bit of a freak show," she said. "Although I have never been really verbally abused, I was aware

of heads nodding in disgust, whereas at the time the white community were much more curious about us. Now, she said, any reaction to the couple is more likely to be an isolated remark or stare rather than any general attention. "I am used to

because for my friends and family there is no issue," she said. "But now and again, something serves as a reminder that it can be a

problem for other people. Occasionally I feel threatened when a passing remark reminds me that some people still don't like what they see when they see Dennis and Mrs O'Beirne had not encoun-

tered hostility from black men but could understand why some young black men in particular felt resentful when black girls married into a different race. "When I was little, if you saw a black girl with a white

you," she said. "I think that attitude has more or less disappeared and the issue is much more complex.

The problem. I fear, is that for a variety of reasons young black men get left behind — society can see them as troublesome in a way that they don't with young black girls, so sometimes black women can start to lead a different life.

Marrying out of the community is just one extension of that and so I understand why some black men feel uncomfortable."

Mrs O'Bierne, who is one of seven children, trained as a nursery nurse and moved to London for work before setting up her interior

born. Her husband was self-employed as an electrical engineer until he contracted chronic fatigue

syndrome 13 years ago. Mr O'Beirne, 38, is now taking a course in stained glass work, and may go into business with his wife. They live in a roomy terraced house in Brixton, south London.

Mr O'Beitrie was angered by any suggestion, that, inter-racial, marriages diluted ethnic culture, one of the points raised in the report by the Policy Studies Institute on mixed marriages. "I've learnt such a lot about my wife's culture," he said. Rather than selling her culture she's offered it to me."

Changing e face of country with many cultures

THE report gives a broad view of the lives of ethnic

minority groups:

Chinese and African Asians have reached parity with the white population and should not be considered disadvantaged. They are doing as well

as white people, earning an

average of more than £500 a

week. Their unemployment

rates are as low or lower than the general population. A "glass ceiling" operates in

industry with hardly any ethnic minorities in the top 10 per cent of jobs.

A Pakistani or Bangladeshi

with a degree is as likely as a white person with no educational qualifications to be below the poverty line. ☐ An estimated 250,000

people suffer racial harassment each year.

Pakistanis and Bangladeshis are the poorest group in Britain with more than 80 per cent living in households where income is less than half

the national average. ☐ Half of Caribbean families with children are headed by a

lone parent.

Ethnic minority participation in post-compulsory higher education is much higher than that of whites. ☐ Two thirds of elderly South Asians live with their adult

children compared with one in twelve white elderly people. ☐ Almost half of people from ethnic minority groups had visited their family's country of origin in the past five years. ☐ While many Asians no longer see clothes as a feature of their ethnic identity, some Caribbeans are seeking to express a new ethnicity through clothes and hair.

☐ Seventy one per cent of African Asians consider themselves British, 64 per cent of Caribbeans, 62 per cent of Indians, 66 per cent of Pakistaris , 60 per cent of Bangladeshis and 44 per cent

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British woman's test case 'vital to stop HIV carriers recklessly endangering others'

Aids victim must confront lover in court ordeal

FROM DANIEL MCGRORY IN LARNACA

JANETTE PINK, ter body seeing him again across a symptoms appear to be in ravaged by Ants and with only courtroom will be extremely remission right now, but I can a brief time to live, will today confront her former lover in court in Cyprus and accuse him of deliberately infecting

The 45-year-old mother of two has been waiting for more than a year for the Cypriot authorities to use a law never tested in court to convict a man she says has sentenced

"I don't know whether I will succeed or what these next days will do to my health, but this man has to be stopped from infecting other innocent women, she said last night. This is not about revenge, and it is too late to save me. but this test case is vital if we are to stop HIV carriers reck-

lessly endangering others."

Mrs Pink knows that her own behaviour will not go unquestioned in the Larnaca courtroom as she explains how in 1993, bored of Sussex and her wealthy accountant husband, she moved to the resort of Ayia Napa, where she met and fell in love with a local fisherman, Pavlos Georgiou. "Some will call me foolish, but he meant a great deal to me, which is why

When their affair began Mr Georgiou, 40, told Mrs Pink that his wife was dying of leukaemia. Martha Georgiou. 34, died of Aids six months later. His son, Raphael, 4, is

infected with the virus.

Doctors gave Mrs Pink three months to live last year. Her weight dropped to under five stone and she feared she would not survive to give evidence in the test case. She is still painfully frail but is fortified by a daily dose of 15 drugs. She said: "The worst

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the team's abilities was made

four and drawn three.

The FA is keen to protect

the value of its merchandise

amid hopes of qualifying for

next year's World Cup in

France. Nick Coward, of its

legal department, said: The symbol is a registered trade-mark. It is our intellectual

property. If companies do not pay proper money for the right to use the emblem, its

value will diminish. Any

money we make is ploughed straight back into football."

never be cured and so I am grateful to the Cypriot authorities for taking this prosecution seriously."-

Leading judicial figures in Cyprus are divided as to whether the prosecution should have been brought. Markides, the Amorney-General, is under pressure to protect the island's reputation as the year's tourist season begins. Mr Markides is employing a law from 1957, which originated in India in the late 1940s and was intend-ed to fight the spread of

cholera and typhoid.

The difficulty is that this law was passed long before Aids existed and it will have to he handled with special care as it is the first of its kind," he

If convicted, Mr Georgiou. faces a maximum of two years in jail or a fine of up to £1,800. Mrs Pink insists the case is needed to set a precedent on. dealing with allegations that HIV carriers have recklessly or wilfully caused harm by passing on the infection.

She is critical that the Law Commission and successive



Janette Pink returned yesterday to Ayia Napia, where she and Mr Georgiou lived when they were together, below

Home Secretaries in Britain have rejected the creation of a new criminal offence in Britain as "difficult in principle and practice". Mrs Pink, from Basildon in Essex, said she had the support of her parents and her two children, Katherine, 20, and Graham, 17, in pursuing the case.

Mr Georgiou's lawyer, Tassos Economou, said last night that the decision to prosecute the case was "foolish and inappropriate". "Our argument will be that this law was

not meant for such a case." He said that there were so few legal precedents that much of his preparation had been spent trawling the Internet, searching for similar cases heard in America and Germany. His client has in past interviews claimed that Mrs Pink knew he was HIVinfected and still wanted to live with him and have a child

Mrs Pink said: "I know some evidence may be salacious, but I have to do this."



Bigger

Just the ticket for missing winners

By CAROL MIDGLEY

NEARLY EI20 million has been left uncollected by National Lottery prizewinners since the draw began in 1994, Camelot said yesterday.

Most of the money £84.4 million, has passed the 180-day deadline and cannot be claimed. But Camelot said there is £33.3 million outstanding for which tickets are still

The largest unclaimed prize yet was a £2,054,754 winning ticket bought in Hull on May 25 last year. Despite a huge publicity campaign it was never claimed and passed the expiry date last November. All unclaimed money and the interest earned is passed to the

Since the lottery began in November 1994, more than £4 billion has been paid to prizewinners. But a Camelot spokesman said the sum left unclaimed by winners was phenomenal. Some lose their tickets, some forget to check and others can't be bothered. Much of the unclaimed money

"One man who claimed his money just in time bought his ticket in the winter, thought he had lost it all summer and then found it again next time he put his winter coat on."

Winnings which can still be claimed include two jackpots worth a total of £960,502. There is only a week left to claim a £185,412 prize from a ticket bought in Harrow.

Austrians lionise England soccer team

FOOTBALL rivals lost their shirts yesterday as England was declared to be "the stronest team in the world". It was the best title that the squad has achieved for decades, but it was won in a court and not

The Football Association had gone to the Austrian Supreme Court to stop a Viennese textile company from producing unawthorised shirts bearing the seam's three side scored an overwhelming-

Yesterday's judgment up-held its right to the symbol, and told the shirt company. You used the emblem of the st team in the world without paying for it. You should have known the Eng-

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Timely end to crows of a cockerel

TWICE a day, regular as clockwork, Basil Vanden-heede heard a cockerel crowsomewhere in his house.

despite the fact that England's strength against Austria has So he called in the gas board not been tested since they travelled to Vienna in 1979. They lost 4-3. However, a long-term reputation has been enhanced by the fact that, out of the 15 matches played, between the sides since 1908.

> ed the council and two environmental health officers spent the night at his house in

"At 4am it started and we all jumped up and put the lights on," Mr Vandenheede said. Then realisation dawned. "I put my arm up next to an officer's head and he said: It's you, it's your watch."

Mr Vandenheede, 74, has solved the problem by smashing the watch, which was a gift

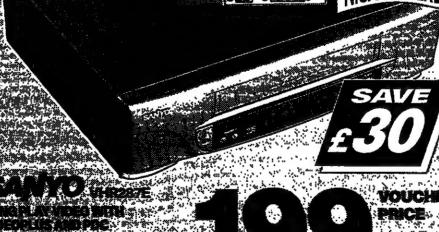
BY TIM JONES into making this symbol suc-cessful. So why should you take a bite out of the fame?

ing. He believed it was trapped

to rip out his fireplace. He then summoned friends to pull bricks out of the wall so he could examine the cavities. He left out milk and bread. But at TO 30pm and 4am, the cock still crowed.
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University bungled inquiry into vice-chancellor

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A NEW university was criticised yesterday by government watchdogs for bungling an inquiry into its vice-chancellor's suspect ex-

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Portsmouth University allowed Neil Merritt time to destroy evidence and failed to consult the Higher Education Funding Council before disciplining him. the National Audit Office said. An

independent inquiry launched after Mr Merritt's resignation in Decomber 1994 cost the university at least \$140,000, the report found.

In the closing chapter of a sixyear period of unrest and intrigue at the university, an audit office report called yesterday for better advice from the Education Department for all universities on how governors should handle investigation of misconduct by senior staff.

Controversy dogged Mr Merritt from his arrival in Portsmouth in

1991, because the then polytechnic governors first announced and then withdrew the appointment of another candidate as vice-chancellor. Professor John Pickering became deputy vice-chancellor instead. Concern over Mr Merritt's expenses was raised by his secretary in 1903 after he made trips to Egypt and Malaysia on university

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Professor Pickering called in auditors and it was eventually discovered that Mr Merritt cashed in

first-class air tickets on two occasions - after using them to assist expenses claims -- to net E1,457. Mr Merritt had claimed that he was given verbal permission from the chairman of governors to spend the value of a first-class ticket on two economy seats for both trips, so that he could take his wife with him. He further claimed the chairman also allowed him to keep the surplus, but there was no record of

that agreement. Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller

and Auditor-General, said university governors "unwisely" delayed their inquiry until after the vicechancellor had been interviewed. Staff concerned have reported that the vice-chancellor removed and later returned his expenses file prior to the internal auditors commencing their investigation, he said. "Regardless of the truth or significance of the suggestion, that the opportunity arose reflects poorly on the handling and timing of the inquiry." A small group of

university governors gave Mr Mer-ritt a written warning in November 1993 for his conduct but kept details from the rest of the board. They said they were worried that Mr Merritt's position would have been untenable if his behaviour became generally known. Sir John commented: The National Audit Office consider that if this were so, his position was, in any case, aiready

The case was eventually exposed in October 1994 by the Portsmouth News and Mr Merritt resigned after a vote of no confidence by staff. The audit office concluded that Portsmouth University governors underestimated the seriousness of Mr Merritr's behaviour.

The university should also have demanded the £1,457 back. However, the office found no evidence that Professor Pickering, who was made redundant in September 1994, was forced to leave because of his involvement in inv-

estigating Mr Merritt's expenses.

Conman's victims refused share of life payout

BY FRANCES GIBB LUGAL CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of a holiday-home fraud were yesterday refused a share of the El million life insurance payment the con-man's family received after he committed suicide.

At least £20,000 of investors' money was fraudulently used by a property developer. Timothy Murphy, to buy life insurance. Yesterday one of the fraud victims. Paul Foskett, argued at the Court of Appeal that more than half of the insurance payout should go to the people who had been cheated.

The judges ruled against Mr Foskett by two to one. The money will go to Mr Murphy's three children and second wife. Jean McKeown, of Rotherham, south Yorkshire, who has remarried since his

suicide in 1991. The Vice-Chancellor. Sir Richard Scott, told the court that 220 people had in 1988 given £2.5 million to Mr Murphy and a business associate for a holiday home scheme on the Algarye. The money went into two bank accounts in Sheffield. Land was bought but not developed, and the accounts were later found to

Mr Murphy took out the insurance policy in 1986 and the court was told that in 1989 and 1990 he fraudulently used at least £20,440 of investors' money to pay the premiums.

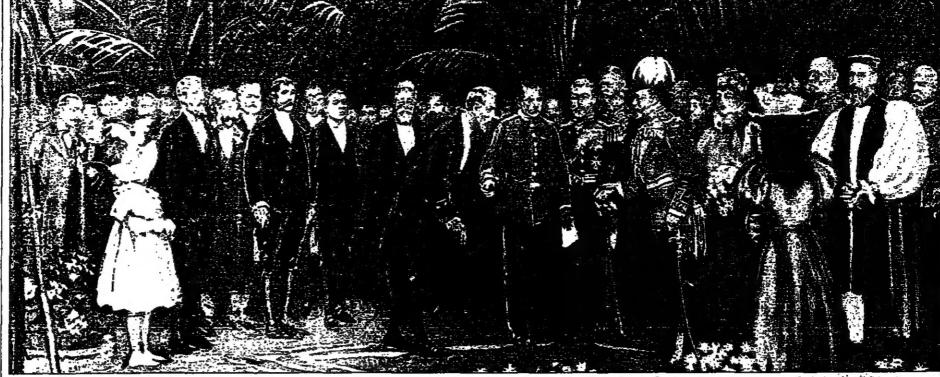
Last year a High Court judge made a preliminary ruling that, as investors money had paid at least two of the annual premiums, they were entitled to 53.46 per cent of the insurance payout. But yesterday an appeal by Mrs Mckeown and the children was upheld. Sir Richard ruled that the investors were entitled only to the return of the money used to pay the premiums. plus interest, a total of £40,000

Mr Foskett, of New Eltham. southeast London, may petition the law lords for leave to appeal to the House of Lords.



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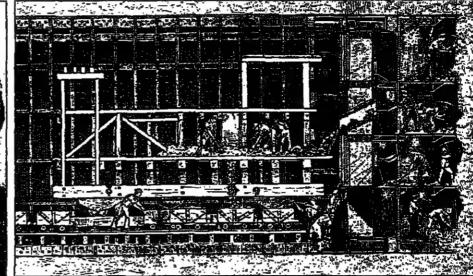
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of Wales (later Edward VII) receives the engineer, Alexander Binnie, also below. Below: left, reading The Times of 100 years ago in the tunnel; right, work in progress







No light at end of Blackwall Tunnel's first 100 years arrangements for celebrating

By ALAN HAMILTON

Road built for horses is now blocked by trucks TODAY is the centenary of circulation will not they were not suffering illeffects from the compressed

the opening of the Blackwall Tunnel. a maddening hole in the East End of London that causes frequent thrombosis to the capital's sluggish and unhealthy traffic circulation. Built on the grand Victori-

an scale to cope with 1.000 horse-drawn vehicles a day. the original Blackwall Tunnel now carries 40,000 vehicles a day in one direction alone and none of them is horse drawn. It takes only one truck to hit the gantry warning of low headroom for whole square miles of metropolis to be paralysed for hours. Miles

back on the M25, prominent warning signs declare that the tunnel can accommodate nothing over 13 ft high. But dozens try their luck every month and, inevitably, get stuck. The tailbacks can be catastrophic. Blackwall is a narrowed artery leading to the heart of London.

Help is at hand. The Highways Agency is currently spending £22 million on building an escape ramp. a kind of heart-bypass operation, so that when the next clos gets stuck under the gantry

brought to a final stop. As with so many Victorian engineering projects in that age of boldness, the Blackwall bored its way past all previous records. At 2.067 yards, roughly the distance from Charing Cross to St Paul's Cathedral, it was the longest underwater tunnel in the world. It was dug in only five and a half years, mainly by

crossing of the river between Tower Bridge and the Woolwich ferry. the muscle power of 800 navvies, who enjoyed the novelty of regular compulsory health checks to ensure that

Thames in 1841, but it had become a railway tunnel. There was no free traffic

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Users of the tunnel on the first day would have read in The Blackwall Tunnel glothat day's Times about the ried in its bends and its Brussels treaty (concerning lighting. The bends, although siaves, not common markets) dictated by geology, were said the debate on Ireland and

the Queen's important anniversary (more diamond jubilee than golden wedding). The news does not change that much, but the Blackwall to be a boon to the horses, preventing them from seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and thus discouraging Tunnel has. A second tunnel was opened in 1967, two them from bolting. The light-ing was of the best. London

further tunnels have been built, at Greenwich and Rotherhithe, and the original tunnel, constructed for a mere £871,000, was refurbished in 1992 at a cost of E22 million. But the traffic never gets any better. The Victorian who

predicted that, given the rise in traffic, the streets of London would by 1900 be buried in 6ft of horse manure was wrong only in detail.

SENSION S 111mph bike 'no danger'

to drivers A motorcyclist who sped along a winding road at up to 111 mph was acquitted of driv-

ing dangerously yesterday.

The prosecution at Gloucester Crown Court alleged that simply by travelling at such speed on the A46 near Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, Richard Poole was bound to cause a threat. However, the court was told that traffic was only moderate and the motorbike had not impeded cars. Mr Poole, 36, of Wottonunder-Edge, will still have to face a speeding charge.

Blast kills widow

A widow was killed when a gas explosion blew off the front of her bungalow. A neighbour tried to reach Megan Williams, 68, after the first explosion at her home in Abercanaid, near Merthyr Tydfil, but he had to fice when the second blast started a fire.

Briton raped

A British woman visiting New York from London was raped. slashed with a knife and robbed when she answered the door of the flat where she was staying. Police described the night-time assault on the 26-year-old in Greenwich Vilage as "particularly vicious".

DIY bombshell

New occupants of a house in Newcastle upon Tyne found a live grenade in the shed. Police checked with the previous occupants and learnt that the husband had pointed the L36 grenade as an ornament and used it to knock in nails when no hammer was to hand.

Ha penny rival

Halpenny Bridge in Dublin, named after the toll that used to be levied on the city's sole pedestrian-only crossing of the River Liffey, is to get a £1 million rival. The new footbridge will be sited yards upstream of the old one to ease overcrowding.

Barely in tune

Three British soldiers were fined £200 each by a Cyprus court after being caught in the early hours running naked through the resort of Ayia Napa singing God Save the Queen. They admitted charges of indecency and pub-

Rugby teams in sin bin over phantom match

BY PALL WILKINSON

) THE sometheer hedged with rugby league officials read to-2 but nativer the winners. Queensbury nor the liners. Wake, had kerked a ball. The two teams in the Penning Amateur Rughy League Association. with the connumer of the referee [14.1] simply made up the desire of that Wykel which was three players short of

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Three days later, after he had

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match documents. A further £200 fine for each team was suspended for 12 months. Wyke were also fined 525 and had two league points deducted for failing to raise a team for the match on

Further action against the match referee, who has not been named, is under consideration. He could be dropped from the panel of match

officials. Billy Barraclough, the Wyke secretary who also missed the match. said yesterday that because both teams were in mid-table. Queensbury had agreed to help out Wyke. Both clubs forgo! to tell Brian. It was wrong, but if someone had remembered to tell Brian t wouldn't have been found out."

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tion said that the lighting

should be bright enough to permit the reading of a copy

of The Times.

Mike Braithwaite, secretary of the association, said: "It's a case of sticking up two fingers to the league. Both clubs were as much to blame as each other."

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Female primates conduct illicit affairs, say scientists uncovering secrets of animals' mating game

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DNA shows chimps' eye for monkey business

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FEMALE-chimpanzees conduct illicit affairs unknown to their male companions, and unobserved even by scientists. who have spent years watch-

ing their every move.

The discovery, using DNA fingerprinting techniques to establish paternity in a community of chimpanzees in the Ivory Coast, contradicts 30

years of careful observation.

More than half the infant chimpanzees for which full DNA data was available had been fathered by males outside the social group. While female chimps were known to mate promiscuously within the group, pairings outside the group were believed to be rare.

The females that engage in such illicit pairings do so se-cretively and at some risk, be-



Mandy and one of her offspring at London Zoo

cause males will kill infants if they know they have been conceived outside their community. The only chance that females have to spot likely part-ners from outside their group-is when neighbouring com-munities fight, and it may be that they then eye up the best performers for future liaisons.

The DNA studies, reported in today's Nature magazine, were carried out by Pascal Gagneux and David Woodruff, of the University of California in San Diego, and Christophe Boesch of the University of Basle. They worked with a 52-strong community of West African chimpanzees. Pan troglodytes verus, in the Tai Forest. The group has been studied for 17 years and is quite used to having humans about. Five

other groups live near by.

hairs left in the tree-top nests where the chimpanzees sleep. or from half-chewed pieces of fruit which contain cells from the lining of the cheek. This required close observation to make sure that the samples

came from a particular chimp, but DNA fingerprints were eventually obtained for all 52. The team tested the paterni-ty of 13 infants, comparing their DNA with that of all the males in the community. In seven cases, the conclusion was that no male chimp from the group could be the father — "these infants must have been sired by males from other communities," they say. Observations showed that

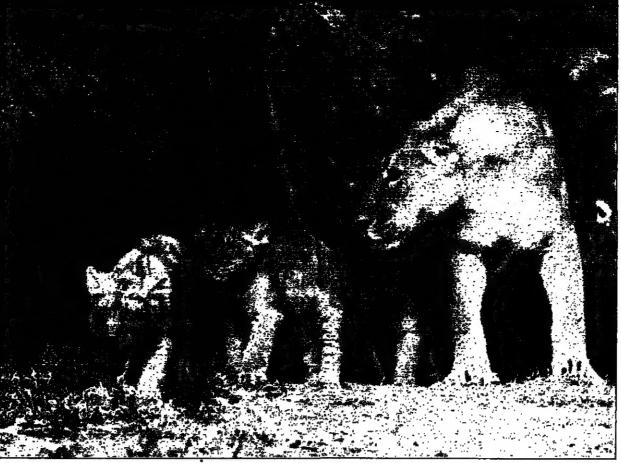
the seven females had indeed disappeared from the community for a day or two during the period when the infants must have been conceived. But this is not unusual behaviour. and they spent no longer away than did females who had infants fathered by group males, thus causing no suspicion.

They must have been very discreet, because the scientists say that in 17 years of observation they have never seen females approach foreign males except during fights, nor have they ever seen a female from another group making a surreptitious visit.

The DNA results also show that being the top male is not a guarantee of having many offspring, as has been generally assumed. Two males, Brutus and Macho, who between them were dominant in the group for more than II years, sired no infants during that period. Both sired infants afterwards, however, and there is no telling how many they had with visiting females from other groups who may have visited them secretly.

This new study adds to a growing list of animals shown to engage in what zoologists "extra-pair copulation" Even birds once believed to be faithful to one mate have been shown to play the field; the indigo burning, a North American bird famed for monogamy, was shown by DNA studies to be easily cuckolded: two in five of the birds the male feeds in his nest are from

"extra pair" relationships.
The breadth of the chimpenzee's genetic pool could have implications not only for understanding the social life of The DNA "fingerprints" the primates, but also for were obtained either from managing populations at risk.



Three Asian lion cubs, born in January, ventured out of their enclosure at London Zoo for the first time vesterday with their mother, Ruchi. The cubs, yet to be named, are a product of a co-ordinated European breeding programme for the endangered species, although captive breeding has been shown to pose problems for some zoo animals

Big cats need scent of success to breed

BY NICK NUTTALL

SCIENTISTS may have discovered why some rare animals, such as tigers, leopards and pandas, will mate in captivity, whereas others

Researchers at the Institute of Zoology in London have found a link between the numbers of males and females in a litter and the likelihood that the males will become "wimps" or Casanovas.

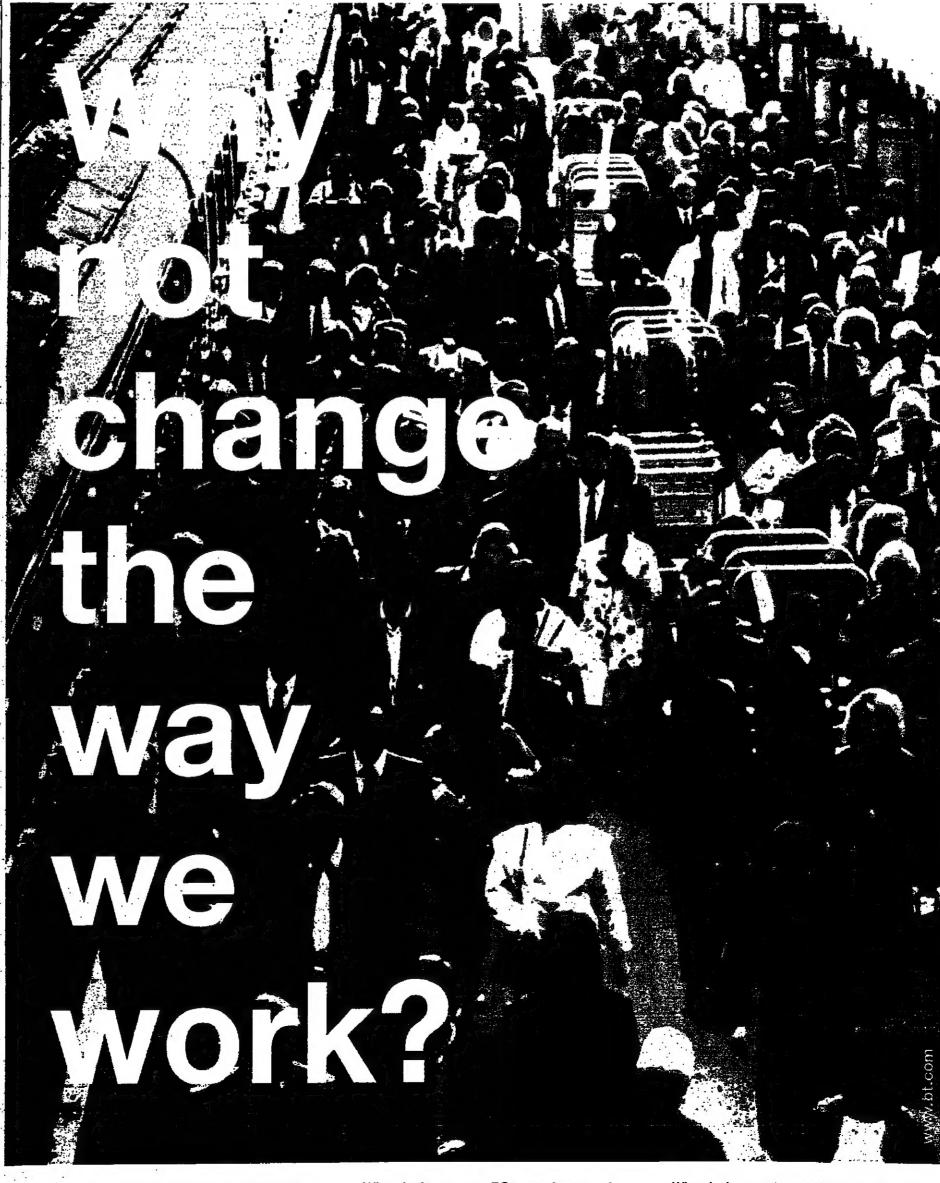
Most mammals, including the big cats and bears, base their choice of sexual partner on smell. Male big cats, for example, spend a great deal of time and effort warning rivals to stay away from their patch by leaving complex scent marks on the ground. The same scent marks are also crucial signals to females, when they are ready to mate, indicating the prowess and fitness of individual males. The more scent marks, the stronger the signal that the male is a worthy mate who will produce fit and healthy offspring.

Professor Morris Gosling of the institute, which is part of

London Zoo, has been studying mice as a model animal to discover why some males produce a lot of scent marks and why others are "wimps". "We have found that if the numbers of females exceeds the number of males, then the males scent mark at a lower rate," he said vesterday. The researchers believe this is because young males sur-rounded by sisters think they have little need to make attempts to attract the opposite sex and have little to fear from

male rivals. The findings may have implications for captive breeding programmes. Professor Gosling said they might be able to collect the male's scent markings and get the female to accept him "by using the stored material to enhance his signal and double the

frequency".
The researchers also want to extract the key gland chemicals used by the animals in scent marking. It may be possible to synthesise these artifically to enhance the allure of a "wimp" male.



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Planners says wooded area will deter geese and wildfowl and threatens rare wetland

Wildlife enthusiast told to dismantle Broads bird haven

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY. COUNTRYSIDE CURRESPONDENT

ASHOOTING and wildlife thusiast who spent the past ir years creating a wooded of reserve on marshland in e Norfolk Broads has been di he must return the site to & former state.

Robert Gunton bought the Harre plot on Lower Thurlton Marsh for £13,000 in 1993 and pent another 17,000 excavatme a pond and planting about 1,900 trees, including poplar. ast, chestnut, elder, hawthorn

With the help of four friends the are co-owners of the land. Mr Gunton also restored a pathway, erected hides for watching birds and for shoot-ing duck and pheasant and built a hut for the tractor and mower he uses to harvest hay. He put up footpath signs and notices warning of deep water.

We have provided a haven for large numbers of birds. such as yellowhammers, willow warblers, finches, kestrels, kinglishers and owls." he said. "Many have established nesting and feeding places. Now we are being told to destroy their habitat."

Planners at the Broads Authority, which has a status equivalent to that of a National Park, have ordered him to remove the trees, the hides and even a bench. Only the pond would be allowed to remain. Lucy Williams, spokesman for the authority, said: "Grazing marsh is an extremely rare habitat and it is our policy to

protect it. Birds such as geese and wildfowl, which we are trying to attract, need open wet areas to fly over and will move on if they see trees.

"Mr Gunton went ahead without seeking planning permission and we cannot allow that. To call what he has areated a hird sanctuary is a bit odd when he is using the hides for shooting. He has appealed against our enforcement order and the matter will eventually be decided by a governmentappointed inspector.

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, sup-ported the authority's action. "It may seem draconian, but too often people think they are improving the countryside when they are creating something quite inappropriate. "Two acres of wet marsh

Kestrels are among the

supporting a pair of snipe, for I have got three rooms, a bedroom, a spare room and Litchen-living room," he said. "I plan to put in a bathroom later. The house is very cosy and warm even though the roof is not insulated. It is my only home. I was previously living in a caravan Kate Carr, of the national

park, said: "We recognise that this is an innovative and interesting building technique. But there is a presumption against allowing any type of house in open countryside and Mr Stinchcombe made no application for planning permis-sion. We have invited him to

example, is much more valu-

able than an artificially creat-

ed wooded landscape provid-ing a home for a whole con-

glomeration of other birds."

In a separate planning dis-

pute. Brian Stinchcombe, a

smallholder who keeps sheep,

pigs and cows at Cwrndu in the Brecon Beacons National

Park, has been told that he

might have to demolish a

bungalow he has built out of

straw bales, a technique devel-oped in the United States.

£10,000 on the still-unfinished

house, which has a corrugated

iron roof and will eventually

he rendered on the outside.

Water is piped from a nearby

spring. There is no electricity

yet, but the house does have a

telephone, cylinder-gas heat-ing and a coke-fired stove.

Mr Stinchcombe has spent



Dasthouse must be returned to ruin

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who converted a derelict 18thcentury oasthouse into a home has won a temporary injunction to halt council workmen who were returning it to its former ramshackle state.

The workmen began stripping the roof and dismantling the timber-clad structure after making an early-morning raid on the site, supervised by police, two weeks ago. The former owner, who converted the oasthouse, called it "a disgraceful act of violence"

John Panvert, a former National Hunt jockey, lavished a small fortune and several years' work on the 235-year-old

owner, who is not thought to have moved in. Mr Panvert has led the legal battle. Yesterday he obtained a temporary injunction suspending the work but he claims that £38,000 of damage has already been caused to Kettleshill Oast near Sevenoaks, Kent.

The dispute over the restoration began in 1990. Sevenoaks District Council refused planning permission for the restoration on the ground that it wanted to safeguard a sensitive area of green belt. An extra floor had been added.

The council ordered the oasthouse to be returned to "a state of disrepair" after the owner failed to comply with an enforcement notice. Officials say the parts of the building and remove them. The timber frame, tiles and other reusable materials will be put in store. works were carried out to the building around 1990 even though planning permission had been refused and a planning appeal dismissed." The dispute went as far as the Court of Appeal where the council's case was upheld

Legal costs so far are estimated at £200,000 but Mr Panvert said that the battle would continue. His solicitor, William Merrick, said a further injunction would be sought to "stop the council causing any more legalised vandalism". He will then seek a hearing for a motion

Northwest beaches fail water quality standards

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE number of beaches recommended as safe for bathing has risen by 25 per cent since last year in a survey by the Marine Conservation Society. However, it warns that many others remain badly polluted. with the North West a particular blackspot

Only 163 out of 763 beaches surveyed meet the group's water quality standards, according to the 1997 Reader's Digest Good Beach Guide, which says it is "a source of national shame" that not one beach in the North West was considered "good".

Blackpool's South Pier beach as well as Morecambe North, Lancashire, were among those "heavily contaminated by sewage". The society said that it welcomed improvement work undertaken by water service companies, but this was "of little comfort to bathers who fall ill because improvements in sewage treatment will not be completed until the next century".

The society's conservation director. Guy Linley-Adams, added: "The truth is that many beaches are still unacceptably polluted by sewage works and

sewage overflows."
The EC Bathing Waters
Directive, introduced in 1976, required member states to meet minimum standards. The society's standards are much higher, and it wants EC standards toughened.

Recommended beaches in-

clude: Poole Sandbanks, Dorset; Selsey Bill. West Sussex; Ramsgate Sands, Kent: Hunstanton, Norfolk; Reighton Sands, Filey, York-shire; Low Newton, Northumberland; Roome Bay (Crail), Fife: Whitesands Bay, St David's, South Wales; Newcastle, County Down; Vazon Beach.

Among the worst-rated are: Hele Beach, Llfracombe, Devon: Stokes Bay, Gosport. Hampshire: Newhaven, East Sussex; Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex; Folkestone. Kent; More-cambe North and South, Lancashire: Blackpool South Pier: Douglas Palace and Broadway, Isle of Man; Turnberry, Strathclyde; Lla-nelli Beach, South Wales.

Greenpeace threatens to make waves over Atlantic oilfield

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

GREENPEACE yesterday threatened to take direct action to halt a new oil and gas production field in The environmental group, which

last year stopped the deep-sea disposal of the Brent Spar oil platform by direct action at sea and a consumer-led boycon of Shell products, said government's and

ing was leeble.

Instead of tax breaks for oil companies to find more fossil fuels. government should be backing a massive solar energy programme in Britain, it said. Solar power, which is getting substantial government backing in Germany and Japan. should be competitive within ten years according to the energy firms. which include BP Solar. The attack on exploration comes

amid claims that the build-up of pollution in the atmosphere will not be stopped only by cutting emissions of the principal pollutants. The world also needs to tackle the "supply side" of fossil fuels and begin phasing out new exploration and production. ereen ordine production, green groups

Chris Rose, deputy executive of Greenpeace, said yesterday that some sections of the oil industry were beginning to question their

week Heinz Rothermund, managing director of Shell UK Exploration and Production, speaking at Strath-clyde University, echoed the environmental group's concerns about the threat to the planet from finding

"How far is it sensible to explore for and develop new hydrocarbon reserves, given that the atmosphere may not be able to cope with the greenhouse gases that will emanate

reserves discovered already? Undoubtedly, there is a dilemma," Mr Rothermund said.

Campaigners are calling on the Prime Minister to shelve new licences for exploration in the western Atlantic, where the first new well is expected to come on stream next

Peter Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace and a former junior industry minister for Labour, said

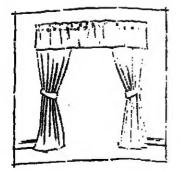
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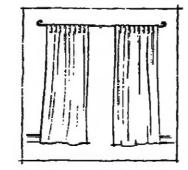
We agree. Our line is at what the oil industry calls the Atlantic Frontier — a project to create a massive new oil field in the Atlantic north and west of Britain," Mr Melchett said. "It is here, we believe, that the Government should draw a line in the sand and say no new oil. We already have more than enough to

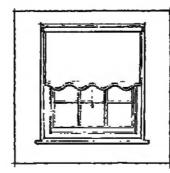
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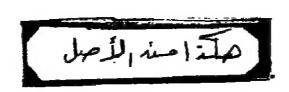
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Labour promises Swift action over bribery allegation

hammed Sawar, the MP alleged to have bribed a rival general election candidate, if an internal inquiry finds any

evidence of "impropriety". Yesterday the party's National Executive Committee set up an investigation into the conduct of Mr Sarwar and his constituency party in Glasgow Govan. An NEC panel is expected to report within two weeks and if it recommends disciplinary action this would be taken before any decision by the police to bring charges.

Mr Sarwar was accused by the News of the World of giving Islam Badar, who stood against him as an independent Labour candidate E5.000 to scale down his election campaign. The MP says that the paper's allegations are false and that he handed Mr Badar the money as a loan.

Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary, said that the panel, which includes three members of the NEC, would "leave no stone unturned". He added: "We will not hesitate to take action if there is any evidence of corruption, abuse

But at yesterday's meeting it was clear that some members of the national executive feit that there was already enough evidence to discipline Mr Sawar. One party source said:

TONY BLAIR said yesterday "It was evident that NEC that swift disciplinary action members were exasperated and were calling for tough early action."

The executive eventually decided that the panel should report first to ensure that natural justice was done. But Mr Blair indicated yesterday that the whip would be suspended from Mr Sarwar immediately if the investigation found that his actions had brought the party into

If Mr Sarwar is strongly criticised by the investigating panel. Labour is then likely to withdraw his right to represent the party on the Scottish executive or at party meetings

The Prime Minister told the executive that the party had set very strong standards for itself and should take the "firmest action" if there was any wrongdoing. "We set ourselves some very high stan-dards and we did that deliberately, very deliberately, and we must meet them. If we do not, the public will rightly be after us," he said.

"No one should be in any doubt if any impropriety is found by us there will be strong action. If charged, obviously the whip will be removed and whatever other serious action that is appropriate will be taken if the outcome of the inquiry recommends that this be taken."

much wider inquiry than the police investigation into the allegations against Mr Sarwar. Party sources said the NEC inquiry would start immediately and would be completed within two weeks.

One of the NEC panel members is Alan Johnson, the newly elected MP for Hull West and Hessle and former general secretary of the Communications Workers' Union. The others are still be to be

appointed.

Mr Sarwar is suing the News of the World, which says that it stands by its story. He now faces futher allegations that he bribed two other fringe candidates, Peter Paton and Jamil Abbassi.

Last night he issued a statement backing the Labour Party inquiry. "As a member of the Labour Party, I fully support Tony Blair's commit-ment, reiterated today, to introduce higher standards into politics," Mr Sawar said. "I therefore fully understand today's decision of the National Executive Committee to set up an inquiry into the allegations and I welcome such an

inquiry.
I reiterate my earlier statement that I refute entirely the totally false allegations made against me by the News of the World newspaper. As you have been made aware I have been advised by my solicitor not to make any further com-



Curtain up on Blair's new show

TWENTY MPs were called yesterday for the first 30minute weekly session of Tony Blair's new-style Prime Minister's Questions, This was more than double the average tally for the 15minute twice-weekly sessions and led Mr Blairs aides to

The MPs called yesterday put 24 questions (John Major had three goes). There was standing room only with MPs crowding in at the bar of the House and the overspill having to be accommodated in the galleries. Maria Pyfe (Lab, Glasgow Maryhill)

questions put. She added: "It has been a more civilised and informative event than ever before, and we look forward to this in the future." Mr Blair said: "I hope people will understand that it is a better way of organising Prime Minister's Questions."

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Ashdown reaping benefits of party's new prominence

HIDDEL ON POLITICS

addy Ashdown won an Commons. The combination of the Ulster Unionist split tory yesterday. He intervened twice in the new-style Prime Minister's Questions, compared with his previous single question. This change reflects a significant, and largely undiscussed, shift in the balance of opposition politics since the general election.

For the past 60 years, the two big parties have dominated the Commons with the Liberals and other minority parties on the sidelines. From the 1950s until the February 1974 election; the two main. parties won at least 97 or 98

of the Ulster Unionist split from the Tories and the Liberal revival in 1974 started to reduce this proportion. But even at the height of the SDP/Liberal Alliance in 1983. the two main parties still won 93 per cent of the seats. Even with its reduced numbers. Labour still had more than 80 per cent of all the opposition

That has now changed dra-Liberai pertor

of the opposition MPs. They are therefore no longer the only opposition party that matters. In due course, there will be a readjustment of the allocation of opposition days and of the "Short" money which assists the parliamenta-

ry work of opposition parties.

But there has already been a shift in the working of the matically. The combination of ... Commons. Mr Ashdown not the Tory rout and the best only had his greater public EXPOSURE YESTETURY DUT THE LID

given by Tony Blair, Labour is already being more friendly towards the Lib Dems in recognising their new

This conciliatory tone has been reciprocated. Mr Ashdown and his colleagues have gloated over some of the new Governments actions, such as giving the Bank of England the power to set interest rates and the overhaul of City re more specifically promised in the Lib Dem manifesto than in

that the Lib Dems have not made a fuss on issues of importance to them, like the voting system in the 1999 elections to the European Parliament and a commission on proportional representation for Westminster, where the Government has not acted yet. The Lib Dem line is "we trust" the good faith of the Government to deliver soon™ and, crucially, to live up to its promises of a new, more cooperative style of politics, what Mr Ashdown calls "a new

r Ashdown is playing a wait-and-see game at a national level until the dust of the election campaign settles. He wants to see what happens to the Tories and where the weaknesses are in the new Government - the nature of strains on constitutional reform, public spending and Europe. He will continue to

press on health and education

spending. Mr Ashdown be-lieves that his party's recent anti-Tory electoral strategy remains correct, not least because all his new MPs won seats from the Tories. But at a local government level the approach is likely to be more The Lib Dems' big gains on

May I looked at first sight a double-edged triumph given the huge Labour majority. But the Lib Dems have won an opportunity to make more of a mark at Westminster - not high-quality newcomers and to consolidate their gains locally. Mr Ashdown realises that his party will be hurt by an early Tory recovery while Mr Blair knows that the Lib Dems are potentially useful long-term allies. In the short term the losers are the Tories, who have yet to adjust to the new realities of power at Westminster.

PETER RIDDELL

Howard attacks 'dictatorial' style

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL HOWARD vesterday attacked the Government's plans to hold referendums on Scottish and Weish devolution before Parliament can debate the rele-

vant legislation.
The former Home Secretary compared Labour to the "continental dictatorships" that had used referendums to sideline their Parliaments in the 1920s and 1930s.

The attack came as Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, hinted that positive referendum results would allow the Government to rush the legislation through Parliament. The right result will give the moral authority and speed the passage," he told MPs. Mr Howard was appearing

at the dispatch box for the first time since Ann Widdecombe, his former Home Office colleague, publicly questioned his judgment as a Cabinet minister. Tory MPs saw the speech as an attempt by Mr Howard to regain the initiative in the party leadership battle by establishing his credentials as a tough defender of the United Kingdom.

Mr Howard was speaking in the first day of debate on the second reading of the Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill, which will provide for the people of Scotland and Wales to be consulted. When the referendums take place, probably in September, the details of the plans will have been set out only in a White Paper. The legislation will be put before Parliament only after a "yes"

vote in both referendums. Mr Howard said it was right that the electorate should be consulted on the greatest constitutional change since 1707. But they should be asked for their opinion when . all our questions have been answered, when all the details are known, when the legisla-

tion has been finely tempered and scrutinised in this House and when Parliament has

debated and decided," The Government, he said, was trying to curtail Parliament's ability to perform it proper function. "A pre-legislative referendum is designed to pre-empt parliamentary debate. It is not a new device. It was a device that was the hallmark of continental dictatorships between the wars. European tyrants used the plebiscite to sideline their parliaments. They used it to suppress the rights and liberties of their citizens. This is the model which this new Labour government has decided to follow."

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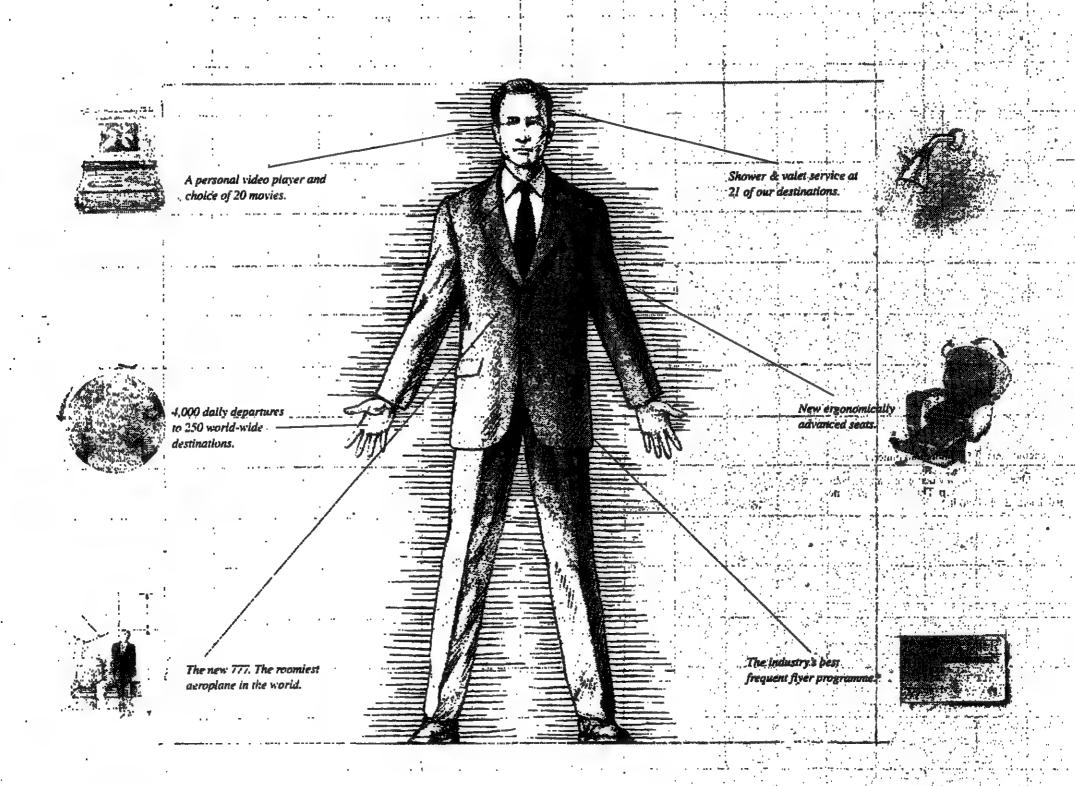
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'Brightest and best' grammar pupils killed when driver lost control at excessive speed, inquest is told

Crash girls died in blaze as they tried to flee car

THREE schoolgirls who died in a road accident survived the crash but were killed when their car burst into flames as they tried to scramble clear, an inquest was told yesterday. Their friend, who was driving, died instantly when the car hit

a tree head-on.

Sixth-formers, described as four of the "brightest and best", were returning to school from a lunchtime visit to a country pub when Samantha Brear-ley, 18, who had passed her test only eight months before, took a bend at an "excessive" speed and lost control.

One of the girls, Emma Freear, 18, a rear-seat passenger, was virtually uninjured by the impact, but died from inhaling toxic furnes from the fire. Her body was found halfout of the door of the Peugeot 106 Rallye hatchback.

Jocelyn Bancroft, 17, had internal injuries and Claire Jennings, 18, had broken ribs and legs. They had managed



Claire Jennings: pinned in ditch by wreck of car

to get out of the wreck, but were trapped when it slid down the side of a drainage ditch onto them. Both died from inhaling toxic furnes, Dr Carl Gray, a consultant pa-thologist, said.

All four were so badly burned that they could be identified only by DNA testing. Dr Gray found no traces of alcohol in their bodies and verdicts of accidental death were recorded by the coroner

shire, where the girls lived. The girls, described by Kevin McAleese, the head at Harrogate Grammar School,

as "four of our brightest and best pupils" had been on a lunchtime outing with six friends in a convoy of three cars on a sunny day last March. They were the last to leave The Sun pub in the village of Norwood four miles from the school to return for lessons. As a result, said Colin Moore, the Claro Coroner: "Nobody actually saw the collision and we are working from opinions and assump-

Colin Sandercock, a crash investigator with North Yorkshire Police, said that the timpact damage indicated that the three-year-old car had been travelling at speed. The vehicle's battery and a head-lamp were found 20 yards away in a field and the engine had been driven through the bulkhead to where the gear lever was normally posi-tioned. He was unable to

absence of braking marks on the road, indicating there had been little or no attempt to slow down. Other marks made by the wheels indicated the vehicle had yawed violently as the driver attempted to correct its direction.

The vehicle had crossed the opposite carriageway, dislodg-ing two boulders on the kerbside, one weighing 75lb and embedded 6 in deep. That had caused the car to take off, flying 20ft across the ditch and hitting the tree more than 4ft above its base.

It then spun 180 degrees and slid into the ditch. Mr Sandercock believed the fire had started when brake fluid fell on hot engine parts.
"It would have burned with

sufficient intensity in that confined area to have ignited petrol vapour leaking from the fuel injection system and other combustible materials in a very short time," he said. The flames spread quickly to the rest of the car, fanned by a



Jocelyn Bancroft, Emma Freear and Samantha Brearley: died on way back to school from lunchtime outing

arrived at the scene ten minutes later were confronted with a fireball seven metres

competition.

Mr Sandercock said the car was mechanically sound. There is no question that speed was a factor in this crash," he said. "This car is built for speed, it does 0 to 60 mph in 9.3 seconds, its sales literature says it was

born and bred from to be negotiated, which proved to be beyond her capacines." There is a possibility After the hearing, attended by the parents of all the girls, Mr McAleese said: "This has Samantha Brearley was dis-tracted or confused by some shown that it was a simple, incident either inside or out-

side the vehicle. We shall sad accident, which could never know, but it seems she have happened at any time. was in the wrong position to "I am still considering the question of whether I should take the bend. The excessive speed and the loss of control obviously produced a hazard allow sixth-form students to bring cars to school, but after

hearing the evidence today, my first inclination is not to change that policy. It is all part of preparing our young people for the outside world.

"The school will never be the same. We shall not forget these girls. A fund to commemorate their lives stands at £6,000 and we shall decide later this year on what surt of memorial we shall provide."

Safety alert over new **Rolls-Royce** jet engines

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORNESTIONDING

AIR safety authorities in Hong Kong have ordered airlines operating Rolls-Royce-powered Airbus A330 jets to stay within an hour's flying time of land after a series of engine shutdowns. Cathav Pacific and Dragonair - the first two operators of the Trent 700 engine which Rolls-Royce believes could be a worldbeater - have reported problems with oil pressure.

Pilots of two Cathay Pacific Airbus A330-300 twin-engine long-range jets were forced to shut down an engine this month when the oil pressure suddenly dropped. One air-craft had to be diverted and the other turned back. Each had to land on one engine.

Cathay has had a total of three engine shutdowns on the A330 since the jets went into service at the end of last year and its subsidiary Dragonair has seen one.

A Rolls-Royce spokesman said yesterday the problem had been identified and a solution was being worked on. investigators found metal contamination in a gearbox not produced by Rolls-Royce. The company has received orders tor 168 of the engines with a further 18 options.

Teenager claims film drove him to robbery

BY ADRIAN LEE

A TEENAGER who robbed a petrol station at gunpoint claimed that a violent film

had incited him.
A court was told that Daniel
Pridmore, 17, normally gentle and childlike, held up the petrol station after taking drugs and watching a video of New Jack City, a story of street drug wars in America. He pointed an imitation pistol at a female cashier, saying: "Do you want to die?" She was so traumatised that she required .two months off work.

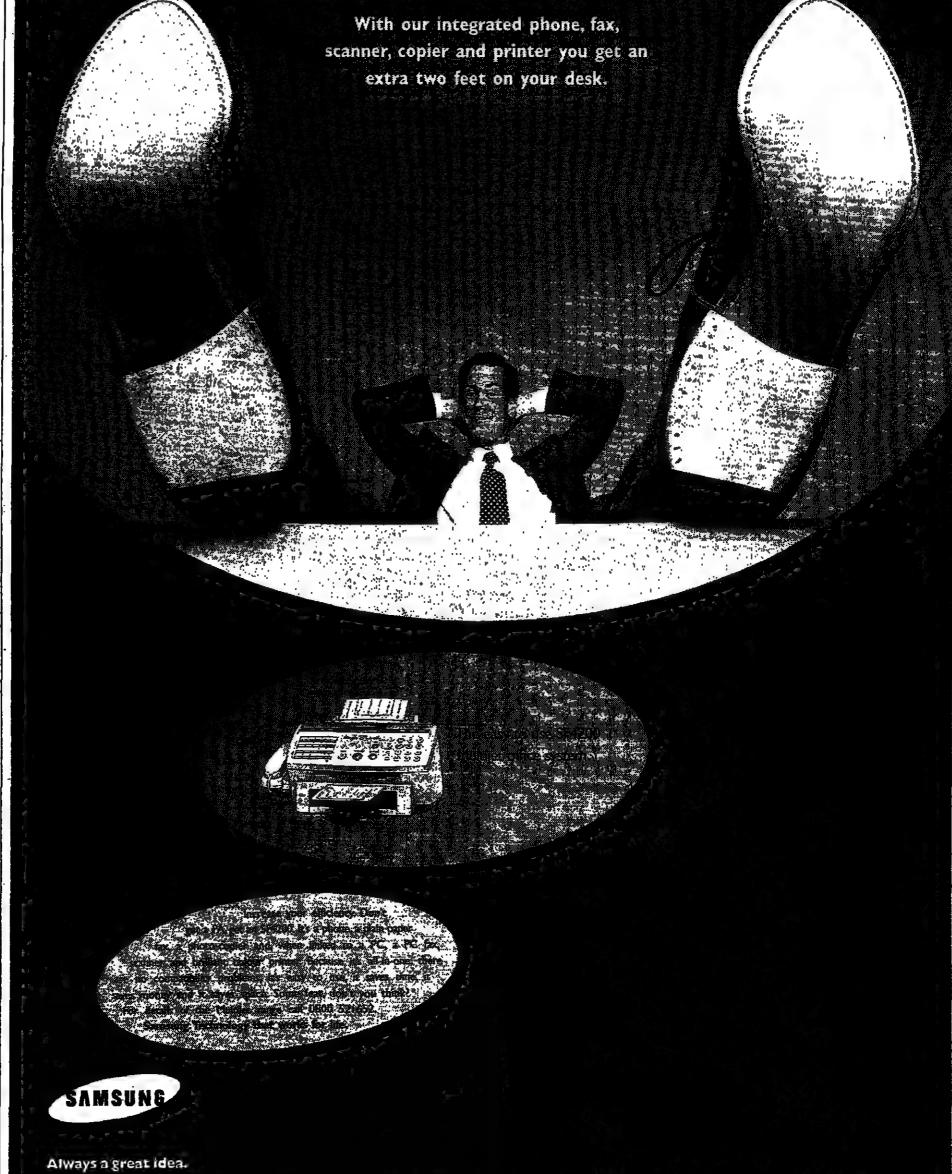
After giving himself up, Pridmore told police: 'I'm not really a villain. I was watching a video where a man robs a shop. That's what made me

Yesterday, at Northampton Crown Court, he was sentenced to two years' youth custody after admitting robbery. The court was told that he secretly paid back the £20 he had stolen, in April last year, by leaving money given to him for his birthday in

envelopes at the garage.
Stephen Ferguson, for Pridmore, said: "He is a gentie boy and cannot fathom why he did this." Judge Crane said: "You are not in the usual run of young thugs but you did commit a serious offence.









Yassir Arafat, who said the law on land sales had been imposed by Jordan in 1967

Arafat threatens to execute Arabs who sell land to Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL is to appeal to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights against the decision by Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Authority to impose the death penalty on any local Arab who sells land to

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The Israeli move yesterday came after the suspected murder of two West Bank land agents by Palestinians in Ramallah and the announcement of the disappearance of a third in Nablus, who police fear may also have been killed.

Danny Naveh, the Israeli Cabinet Secretary and chairman of the government committee established to monitor anti-Semitism, said; "The decision is in essence racist and reeks of anti-Semitism." Israel radio claimed that three years ago the UN committee had pledged to take action against anti-Semitic acts.

Israel's protest came hours after Mr Arafat outraged Israelis by confirming in an interview with the Tel Aviv daily Yediot Aharonot that any Palestinian found guilty of selling land to Jews would face

the death penalty. He did not say how the executions would be conducted.

Last night fears were rising about the possibility of more killings sanctioned by the Palestinian Authority after Arab residents of Hebron disclosed that, in recent days, 15 local Palestinians had been arrested by the Pal-

estinian security services on suspicion of selling property to Jewish settlers,
Mr Arafat claimed

that the death penal-

ty for selling Arab land to Jews was not new to the West Bank, but had been imposed by Jordan in 1967 after Israel's capture of the territory. He also claimed that prosecuting those who sold land to Jews was a legitimate defence against

"Israel has always confiscated land from Arabs and dispossessed them of their property," Mr Arafat said. "The land always goes from the Arabs to the Jews. Can a

Palestinian resident of Nablus or Hebron buy land in Israel? Therefore, what should we call those from our nation who serve Israel's policy of stripping property? We are talking about a few traitors and we will apply what has been determined by law against them. This is our right and our

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obligation to protect our land."

Israeli legal sources said that
in the Jordanian era, about
200 death sentences had been
imposed by Amman in absentia, but had never been carried
out because Jordan had no
access to the West Bank after

its conquest.

Sheikh Sabri Akrama, the Palestinian Authority Mufti of Jerusalem, said that anyone executed for selling land to the

Hardliner

Israelis would be refused burial in a Muslim cemetery. "The religious edict was issued against land dealers 70 years ago. Recently we revived it. Whoever is found selling land to Jews deserves to die. He may not be prayed over, his

body may not be purified before burial and he may not be buried in a Muslim cemetery. It is our duty to remind the public of this religious law so as not to enable the Jews to purchase Arab land and prop-

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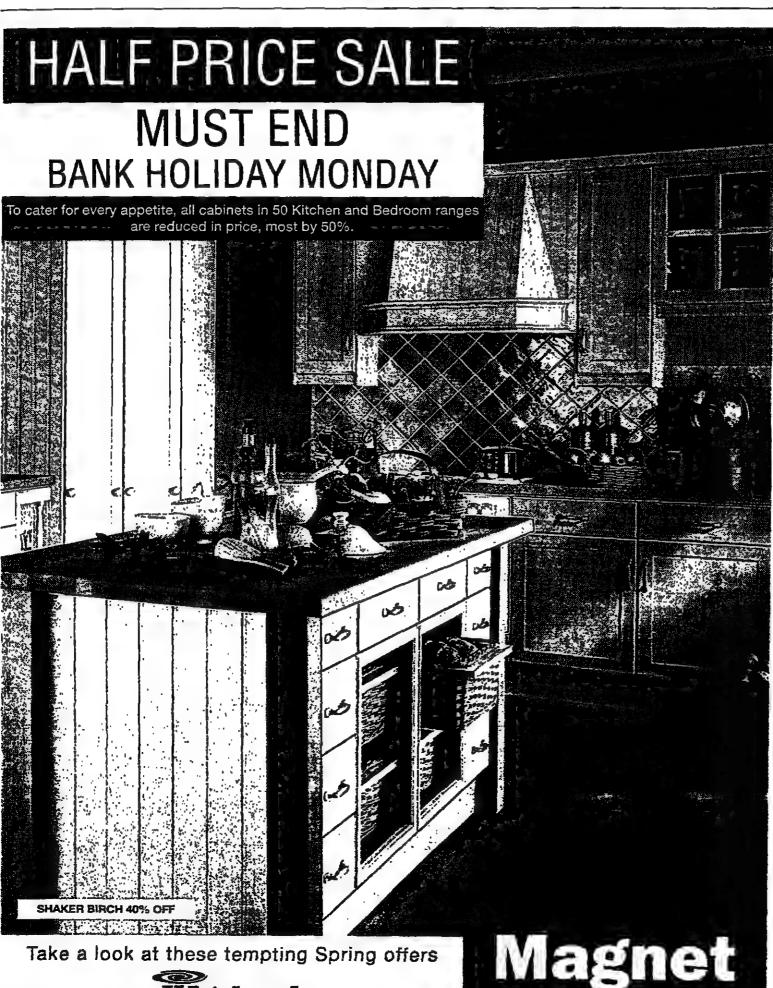
they receive from
America in order to
remove us from this land,"
Land, which has always been
at the core of the IsraeliPalestinian conflict, has become even more explosive an
issue because of the expansionist settlement policy of
Binyamin Netanyahu, the

Palestinians are angry because they see their hopes of establishing a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem threatened by continued Jewish building in those areas, often on land sold by Arabs. More than 70 per cent of land at the contested new settlement site of Har-Homa was originally purchased from local Palestinians by Jews.

Avigdor Kahalani, the Interior Security Minister, reacted bitterly to the interview, which gave the full weight of the Palestinian Authority to executions of land dealers.

Speaking in the Knesset, Mr Kahalani said: "The Palestinian leader's remarks could unleash a wave of violence in the autonomous areas which the self-rule authority would be unable to control." He added that they could also be exploited by those wishing to settle scores.

Relatives of Farid Bashit, 70, the first land dealer executed after being lured from an east Jerusalem hotel to Ramallah by a female Palestinian agent on May 8, were unable for nearly two weeks to find anywhere to bury him.



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poised to win Iran presidency PROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICORNA

IRANIANS choose a new President tomorrow after a lively campaign that saw a real contest for the first time since the 1979 revolution when the all-powerful Ayatoliah Khomeini ensured that no divisions emerged under his leadership.

The two leading contenders are both 54-year-old clerics who have pledged their allegiance to Islamic rule. Whoever wins will have to manoeuvre carefully between many power centres, including charitable and security institutions that often operate independently of the presidency and the Government, itself riven by rival factions:

For these reasons, the new President is not expected to change foreign policy or overturn decisions such as Khomein's fatwa for the killing of Salman Rushdle, the British author of The Satund Verses. Hardline newspapers have challenged the presidential hopefuls to declare whether they intend to implement the death sentence.

But the vote, in which all mentally healthy Iranians over the age of 15 are eligible to take part, could have important consequences for how Iran's 64 million people live.

The feastware is Ali Ali.

The frontrunner is Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouci, a hardline cleric whose position as parliamentary Speaker has guaramentary Speaker has guarament him. vital prime time television coverage for many years. A shrewd political operator, he has the tacit support of the country's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, and of the majority conservative faction in parliament. His campaign was also backed by most of the powerful religious frounds time.

foundations.

A landslide victory had seemed likely while more moderate groups were unable to agree on a candidate to challenge him. That changed when a former Culture Minister. Sayed Muhammad Khatami, entered the race in March and rapidly gained ground. Opinion polls this week still tipped Hojatoleslam Nateq-Nouri Nateq Nouri to win, but some observers predict that he may first have to fight a run-off election against Hojatoleslam Khatami.

Food airlift for cyclone victims

Disaka: Tens of thousands of people made homeless in Monday's cyclone faced a battle for survival on the 180-mile-long southern Bangladesh coast yesterday as rescue operations were stepped up (Ahmed Fazi writes). Army helicopters, flying repeated sorties from Dhaka, the capital, dropped food packages on villages cut off by fallen trees and uprooted electricity poles. On the coral island of St Martin's, the 150mph winds flattened huts and snapped the only telecommunications link with the mainland. Most islanders had taken shelter in concrete anti-cyclone enclosures after a tropical storm in 1991 killed more than 300 people. But most of the inhabitants had their fishing boats and nets destroyed, taking away their only means of livelihood. Neighbouring islanders suffered a similar fate. Yesterday the official death toll along the coast reached 95 with more than 8,000 injured, but Western aid workers believe these figures underestimate the number of those killed.

Colony rejects Beijing line

Hong Kong: The Legislative Council here has voted that the 1989 Tianammen Source protests should be "vindicated". rejecting Beijing's judgment that they were "a counter-revolutionary incident" (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Most of the pro-China members of the council stayed away, it was claimed, because they had condemned the protests eight years ago but did not dare to do so again.

Classroom rape claim

New York: Three teenagers took turns raping a 14-year-old girl in a classroom last month as a fourth held her down, prosecutors here claimed. The alleged attack took place in a classroom that was being renovated. Two of the suspects went to a guidance counsellor's office for condoms before the attack. The New York Times reported. In statements, the suspects claim that the girl had consented to sex. (AP)

Dissidents held in Burma

Rangoon: Burma's military junta has begun to arrest supporters of Aung San Stur Kyl, right, the democracy leader, to prevent another gathering of her political party, one of her aides said. The London-based Amnesty International said at least 50 of her followers had been arrested by the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council: It called for their "immediate and unconditional release" (AP)



Chechens win apology

Moscow: Russia officially apologised to Chechnya after its fighters intercepted and turned back a plane carrying Vakha Arsanov, the Chechen Vice-President, as he flew to The Hague for a conference (Richard Beeston writes). After threats of reprisals, the Kremlin promised that Chechen officials would be allowed to travel without interference.

9m dodgers tracked down

Delhi: More than rime million people were caught travelling illegally on Indian frains in a year, the Government said. The Railways Ministry said that a crackdown on fare dodgers earned the network more than £16 million, but nearly 70,000 people who could not pay lines were jailed. (AFP)

Berlusconi's TV channel is carrying on up the Tiber

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALIAN television viewers are to be treated to a "soap opera in togas", detailing the ups and downs of two families in ancient Rome.

Filming began this week on the 13-part scap, entitled SPQR, which is to be shown on prime-time television in the autumn. The makers hope to sell the series to other countries, including Britain, as a combination of entertainment and education.

Mediaset, the commercial channel owned by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and former Prime Minister, hopes that SPQR will emulate the success of its spectacular — if rather vapid — game

shows, which have increasingly forced the state-run channel, RAL to go downmarket.

La Stampa said that what it called "Dynasty on the Tiber" was a story of betrayal, lust, class conflict, corrupt politicians, rigged elections, tax evasion and unmarried girls who became pregnant. "Just fike our own times really." SPQR, which stands for Senatus Populusque Romans (the Roman Senate and People), was the weighty for-

cient Roman balance of power. It has long been devalued however, and can be seen

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today to the horror of purists)
on drains, manhole covers,
street signs and lamp-posts as
the logo of modern Rome's

city administration.

The series, which is being made at the Cinecitis studios, boasts 163 characters and a budget of £6 million, Many of the "ourside locations" are conveniently near at hand and therefore low-cost, including the Appian Way, the Forum and the Colosseum.

"We are not exactly short of authentic sites," Claudio Risi, the director, said. The makers are also using the classical façade of the British School in Rome, which looks the part but dates from 1911.

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC has made his most emphatic intervention in the French election so far, saying a Socialist vic-tory, forcing him to share power with the Left, would seriously weaken France and undermine 40 years of

European construction.

M Chirac's prediction was echoed by Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, and other government ministers, who, said that a left-wing majority would imperil France's plans to join a single European cur-rency. "France will only be able to defend its interests if it can speak with a single voice, a strong voice," the President said in a statement timed to precede a meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, late on Tuesday night.

M Chirac gave his personal assurance that France would meet its commitments to join European economic and monetary union, but he said that a "cohabitation" with the Social00000000000000000

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ist Party, which has voiced reservations on the single currency project, would sap national strength at a critical juncture. "How can one imag-ine that everything that has been built up over the past 40 years could be cast into doubt or put on hold without causing irreparable damage to our country?" he asked.

With three days to go before the first round of voting in the

Kohl told not to bet on euro for jobs

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A TOP economic think-tank warned the German Government and business community yesterday against pro-mising the public that economic and monetary union

would cut unemployment. The warning, from the IFO Institute in Munich, contradicts Herr Kohl's claims that the euro would reverse Germany's record high unem. ployment figures. It also counters threats by businesses that thousands of British jobs would be put at risk if Britain does not join the single curren-

cy in the first wave. The IFO said the effort to meet the fiscal criteria for EMU was already baving "negative effects on growth and unemployment" in Germany. Average unemployexceed 4.2 million this year. The institute said the euro could help to promote eco-nomic efficiency, but whether this would translate into more jobs depended on the monetary, fiscal and wage policies adopted by participating goverroments: A trade union campaign for equal wages across Europe could lead to far greater unemployment, it

Meanwhile, the German union movement has come out against delaying EMU. A report said a delay would trigger a massive upward revaluation of the mark, cripple exporters, stifle growth and increase unemployment. "EMU offers no guarantee for more employment, but it does give some space for rospoeucentre-right coalition has made the danger of powersharing and the potential threat to France's desired place in EMU the central issues of its campaign.

M Juppé said that a Socialist victory would "spark a crisis in Europe". The country's recent experiences of cohabitation (1936-88 and 1993-95) had demonstrated that power-sharing was a worst resort, the Prime Min-

"It would be a shambles in

Europe, firstly because the Socialists and Communists do not agree among themselves and because the Socialists economic policy would push us off course for European [monetary] union," he added. Hervé de Charette, the For-eign Minister, joined the attack yesterday, saying that cohabitation would weaken France internationally, causing "confusion within the Gov-

ernment and conflict with the President". Citing looming deadlines on EMU, Nato enlargement and European institutional reforms, he added: That would lead to difficult and complicated negotiations in fields where it is not easy to defend France's interests."

The Socialists have argued against further austerity measures to meet the Maastricht criteria, while promising to create 700,000 jobs.

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, accused the Government of bowing to Germany over the stability pact limiting the deficits of countries within

Responding to the on-slaught from the Right, M Jospin denied that a left-wing win would derail the single currency. "It is obvious France will still speak with a single voice," he said. Jack Lang, the former Socialist minister, said a left-wing Prime Minister would be a positive advantage in European negotiations, giv-en his political affinities with other European leaders, most notably Tony Blair...



Alexander Solzhenitsyn addressing the State Duma soon after returning to Russia from exile in 1994

Solzhenitsyn treated for heart condition

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Russian literary world was in turmoil last night after it was confirmed that Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the nation's most famous living writer, was taken to hospital ten days ago suffering from a heart ailment.

According to friends of the Nobel prizewinning author, Mr Solzhenitsyn, 78, was taken to the cardiac intensive care unit of the Central Clinical Hospital in

Moscow on May 12.

The hospital, better known as the "Kremlin hospital", is reserved for top government officials and its team of specialists nursed President Yeltsin back to health earlier this year after he suffered double pneumonia. Yesterday a spokesman confirmed that Mr Solzhenitsyn had been admitted, but refused to give any details of his condition.

"All I know is that he has some kind of heart condition, but that he has been treated for the past ten days and is feeling much better," a family friend said. "In spite of press reports, it is not true that he suffered a heart attack."

Mr Solzhenitsyn, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1970, spent eight years in Stalin's prison camps before establishing himself as the most celebrated Soviet dissident. He was expelled by the Soviet authorities in 1974 and lived in exile in the West until his return to

Russia three years ago. Although he was initially well received by his countrymen, he has since slipped into relative obscurity and his critical views of contemporary Russian life are largely ignored.

Reformists have been angered by his apparent support for nationalist figures such as General Aleksandr Lebed, Communist sympathisers detest him for his crusade against the Soviet system.

☐ General held: Russian military investigators yesterday arrested General Konstantin Kobets, the disgraced former army officer under investigation for corruption. According to reports in Moscow, General Kobets, who was sacked as Deputy Defence Minister by President Yeltsin on Tuesday, was taken to the city's Lefortovo prison for "further

France is accused over lorry attacks

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

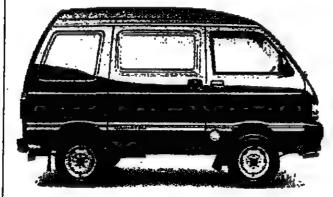
SPANISH ministers have accused the French Government of encouraging police to turn a blind eye to farmers who attack drivers and burn lorries carrying Spanish fruit and vegetables.

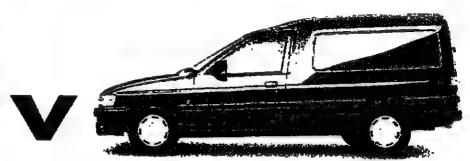
Loyola de Palacio, the Agriculture Minister, called on the European Commission to study ways of penalising France. "The French authorities remain completely passive and keep their police as mere spectators while these acts of vandalism are carried out." she complained after a Spanish driver was treated for injuries at a hospital in Montpellier, southern France. The driver had tried to prevent French farmers from burning his lorry.

The attacks on lorries carrying Spanish fruit and vegetables, which are cheaper than French products, have been building up for over a week. The Spanish drivers say French police watch while the farmers burn lorries or destroy their cargoes by poison-

ing them with insecticide. At least 20 lorries have been attacked in the last two days. according to Spanish press reports. The French Ambassador to Madrid has been called to the Spanish Foreign Ministry to hear an official complaint.

Philippe Vasseur, the French Agriculture Minister, denied his Government was





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Express newspaper reported yesterday. Such a step would belp to popularise chess, he said in Kalmykia, the Russian republic of which he is President. Deep Blue beat Garry Kasparov, the world the chess federation. Mr Ilyumzhinov is



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A police officer is confronted by a Colonia Dignidad member during the raid

German sect chief hunted on Chilean sex abuse charges

CHILEAN police searched vesterday for the leader of a faratical German sect who is suspected of systematically abusing children behind the walls of his heavily guarded

The search for Paul Schaefer. 76, ended fruitlessly - his settlement covers 32,000 acres and has many hiding places - but the days of the notorious Colonia Dignidad

seem to be numbered.
Founded in 1961 by Herr Schaefer, a lay preacher from a small rown near Bonn, and about 200 ethnic Germans, the colony has been protected by successive Chilean governments. Under General Augusto Pinochet, Chilean secret

police took left-wing dissi-dents, hooded and handcuffed, to the compound near Parral, 200 miles south of Santiago, and tortured them with electric cattle prods. Rumours, never confirmed, sug-gested that veteran Nazis sheltered there. The inhabitants, who now call the settlement Villa Baviera (Bavarian town), enjoyed a long, strange relationship with members of the Bavarian Christian Social

treated as honoured guests. Convoys of police are stationed near the entrance, helicopters are clattering overhead and tension is in the air. Members of the sect's 50strong black-shirted security brigade smashed the cameras

Union, some of whom were

of a German television team. The paedophile charges have brought the future of this odd

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settlement into the spotlight.
Two German and two Chilean members of the community surrendered to police last week to face charges, including the illegal detention of a child and obstruction of jusrice. All four were released on bail. The strong disapproval of the Roman Catholic Church has swayed many politicians who were previously ready to support, or at least tolerate,

On the surface it seemed to be having a benign influence on a desperately poor area. The community hospital has the latest drugs, the boarding school offers free education to



selected local children, the choir is trained to sing Ger-man songs. Villa Baviera cre-ates jobs. The local bakery does a roaring trade in brown bread baked to a Bavarian recipe. Over the years, rightwing Chilean politicians have visited the colony and came away impressed by its cleanli-ness and order. But behind the façade, the disciplined followers of the sect had set up a paedophile community. This

has emerged from the evi-

dence of several children and mothers who, unlike others abused in the past, are now willing to take on Herr Schaefer's lawyers.

The old edifice of political protection has collapsed. Since the end of dictatorship in 1989, various vain attempts have been made to prosecute the colony on tax and fraud charges. But now a senior judge, Hernan González, has been appointed by the Santiahas been found to fight the case of the abused children: 40 investigations have been opened into the colony's afairs, including accusations of kidnapping, illegal adoption and sexual abuse. The Ger-

mans deny everything.
The children, aged between eight and 12 years, say they were bathed by Herr Schaefer, given two glasses of a spiked drink, smeared with disinfectant and then raped. Doctors

The children are now back with their mothers. Herr Schaeler easily identi-fied by the adult torture victims of the 1970s because of his glass eye. domineering man-ner and German-accented

Spanish, left Germany after being suspected of child abuse and collected around him former members of his parish. Most were ethnic Germans Many hundreds of children

man school over the past decades. The scale of the abuse is still unclear although, judging defence lawyer, it appears to have been part of the community from the beginning. Last November the Chilean authorities - a judge accompanied by 300 police officers -

arrest warrant on Herr Schaefer New a bigger action

Texas sex offenders offered castration

By Bronwen Maddox

TEXAS this week became the first state to offer sex offenders surgical castration in prison to help them not to commit more crimes when released.

George Bush Jr. the Governor and a likely contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, signed a Bill allowing repeat offenders to ask for the operation.

Mr Bush, who is the son of the former President, said that the offer was directed towards people "too sick to cure their liness, if this legislation saves just one child from the horror

of a sexual assault, it will have accomplished its purpose". California introduced a sim-

ilar law this year for sex offenders to undergo chemical castration. Under the Texas law, offenders would have to admit their guilt, be screened by a psychlatrist and pyschologist, and then give

inmates would not be able to ask for castration in return for shorter sentences or pacole. Last year a child molester asked to be castrated, but the Texan authorities refused.



Davide Sorrenti, whose youthful looks were caused by a blood disorder, with his girlfriend, James King

Death sparks attack on 'heroin chic'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOR IN WASHINGTON

THE death of a young fashfashion houses into re-examining the cult of "heroin chic" and prompted an extraordinary attack on the industry by President Clinton.

The giorification of heroin is not creative, it's destructive", Mr Clinton said yester day in Washington. He said some fashion leaders "are admitting flat-out that images projected in fashion photos in the last few years have made heroin addiction seem glamorous and sexy and cool. And as some of the people in those images start to die now, it's refreshing antidote to air for Sorrenti. His mother

livered to an audience of

Mr Clinton's onslaught, de-

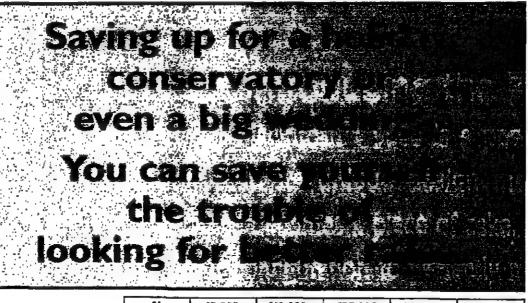
mayors, was provoked by a New York Times feature on Tuesday on the death of Davide Sorrenti, 20, a promising photographer who died specialised in portraits of hollow-checked models slumped on bedispeen floors simped on better chic" has reigned over fashion magnines, with editors argu-

homed in on Calvin Klein, who has featured pale, wasted models in high-profile advertising campaigns. They point out that Mr Klein himself checked into the Hazelden Foundation, the drug and

Prancesca, also a front-rank fashion photographer, described the family as the Corleones" of fashion photography, referring to their influ-ence in the industry. Soment's older brother, Mario, rose to prominence when he photographed the Calvin Klein Obsession campaign, featuring Kate Moss, his girlfriend at the time. Mr Sorrenti suffered from

timiassaemia, a genetic blood disorder requiring blood

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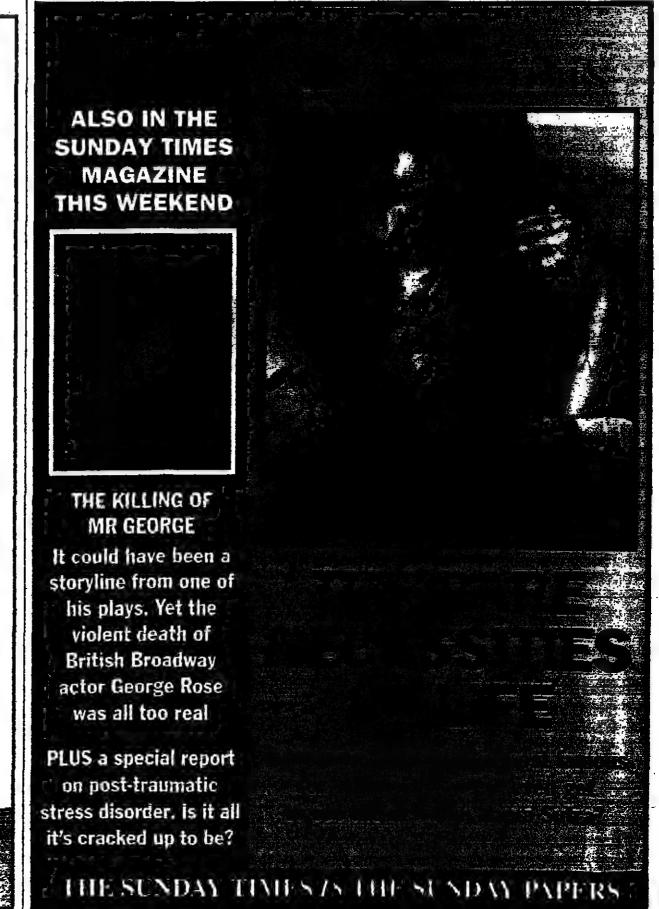
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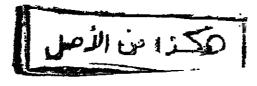


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Northern Afghan towns fly Taleban's white flag

IN ISLAMABAD

TOWNS in at least three of the six provinces controlled by the military alliance in northern Afghanistan have switched cance to the fundamentalist Taleban militia, whose plain white flag now flies over more than two thirds of a destroyed, but largely paci-

fied, country.

Tanks and artillery are being positioned by the Islamic army in readiness for what could be a decisive push towards the mud-brick northern capital city of Mazar-i-Sharif. Its fall would clinch the conquest of Afghanistan by one of the most remarkable and mysterious armies ever to march through the country since Alexander the Great's

invasion 2,400 years ago. General Abdul Sharif Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who leads the northern forces, admitted that his western defences had collapsed. He is reinforcing the boundaries of what remains of his empire after key commanders defect-

Russia has for months been

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pouring in secondhand tanks and other weapons to bolster the north and may also have a small number of troops on the ground. Northern forces have received military assistance from Uzbekistan and Tajiki-stan and enjoy the moral support of India, such is the fear of Islamic fundamentalists establishing themselves in the heart of Central and Southern Asia.

General Abdul Malik, a former Dostum commander who is leading the revolt of totally convincing. The coming weeks will determine whether General Malik, an Uzbek, is a true or opportunistic convert to the largely Pashtun Islamic army.

Taleban will quickly seek to secure the rebel northern provinces that were under General Dostum's control, assurning they are allowed by General Malik to do so.

This would represent another largely bloodless vic-tory for Taleban, which began advancing through the country from the south three years ago. Never in the history of Afghanistan, ravaged by despots such as Tamerlane and Genghis Khan, has so much territory been won with so little bloodshed. The north's capture would

exacerbate ideological conflicts in Taleban, a divided movement trying to reconcile the ultra-conservative views of mullahs from the southern province of Kandahar with the less orthodox Islamic practices of other areas. The north, used to a liberal regime, would not succumb easily to the scriptures of Kandahari conservatives.



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Harvard scholars accused of abusing America's trust

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States has suspended a \$14 million (£8.5 million) contract with Harvard University, alleging that two senior American advisors to the Russian Government abused their positions to profit from investments in Russia's securities market.

The final installment of a \$57 million grant awarded to the Harvard Institute for International Development. the contract was part of pro-gramme to fund work by American scholars in helping Russian officials with privati-sation, reform of the country's legal system and the creation of its stock market.

In a letter to Harvard, the US Agency for International Development, an arm of the State Department, said a pre-liminary investigation had found fault with both Jonathan Hay, the institute's director in Moscow, and Andrei Shleifer, a Harvard economics professor and the project di-rector. "[They] have abused the trust of the United States Government by using personal relationships, on occasion,

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for private gain," the letter said

Mr Hay was said to have used the agency's funds to support the private investment activities of Nancy Zimmerman, Professor Shleifer's wife. Specifically, the letter said, support staff paid by Linited States government funds bought and sold Russian bonds, tracked deposits and withdrawals from the investments' Russian bank accounts, and consulted about tax liabilities and additional

investment opportunities. Michael Builer, a Washington lawyer who represents Professor Shleifer and Mr Hay, said the government letter was "wrong in its conclusions, wrong in its assump-tions and inaccurate in its facts and foolish in its

rhetoric". He said Ms Zimmerman had invested through ILBE-Consulting, a profit-making subsidiary of the Harvard Russia project. The consultancy, he said, was established in help the Harvard programme to become self-sufficient.

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Flinn: "unfairly singled out" by the air force

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for last November's presidential election to a congressional committee, in a sudden rever-

THE US Air Force was acdouble standards in deciding to court-martial. Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, its first woman B52 pilot, for adultery with a Her lawyer, Frank Spinner, said most adultery cases involving male pilots were dealt with by commanding officers in unpublicised, non-Judicial procedures and re-

suited in counselling, repri-mands or fines. He said it was unfair to make her submit to a public trial. The lieutenant, based in North Dakota, had asked Sheila Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, for an honourable discharge instead of a Trent Lott, the Senate Re-

publican leader, said Lieutenant Flinn was unfairly singled out. He threatened to take the case to William Cohen; the Defence Secretary, if it was not resolved soon.

Clinton

IN WASHINGTON

THE White House has agreed to surrender thousands of documents about fundraising sal of its recent hardline

The concession, made to avoid a citation for contempt of Congress, is likely to trigger a flood of new allegations about inappropriate fundraising practices, including links with Chinese companies.

Dan Burton, the chairman of the House government, reform and oversight commit-tee, said the deal to hand more than 2,000 pages of docu-ments was struck after seven hours of talks between White House officials and committee lawyers. The committee is examining whether donations to President Clinton's campaign and to the Democratic National Committee were illegal contributions from foreign citizens, as well as other alleged campaign law abuses. In a continuation of the Whitewater affair that dogged Mr Clinton's first term, the committee is also investigating whether White House officials helped to arrange jobs for Webster Hubbell, a close friend of Mr Clinton's who

Mr Burton, who called the White House move "a victory for the people's right to know", said he was not sure when public hearings would start.

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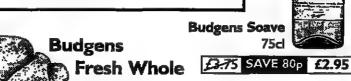


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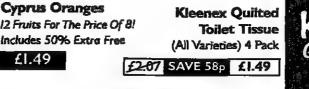
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Japan's Lima envoy 'treated like war criminal' by Tokyo

TOKYO'S Ambassador to Peru, who was sacked lust week after the Lima hostage crisis, said yesterday that he had survived the four-month ordeal only to be treated like a

Morihisa Aoki was hailed as a hero at first for protecting fellow hostages after Tupac Amaru guerrillas seized guests attending a reception e held last December. But on his return to Japan, he was blamed for security lapses that had allowed the Marxist rebels to storm his residence.

Writing in yesterday's Asahi Shimbun, Mr Aoki criticised his detractors and gave his side of the story. I was heralded as a samurai ambassador during captivity and treated like an A-class war criminal after I got back to Japan," wrote Mr Aoki, who is descended from a samurai warrior family. "I am neither a hero, nor a coward."

He also took issue with critics who were displeased by

his combative manner at a televised news conference held only hours after the hostages were rescued. Media reports accused him of arrogance for not apologising for the crisis and even of lacking dignity by smoking four cigarettes dur-

ing the 30-minute session.

At the news conference I wanted to convey to the world that the Japanese are not weaklings who get into a panic wrote. The dismissed ambas-sador acknowledged that some of the Japanese businessmen among the 72 hostages had criticised his failure to negotiate with the rebels. "But as the incident dragged on, the one overriding duty of a hostage was to stay alive and healthy." Mr Aoki wrote, defending his stance. "A hostage was really in no position to negotiate with terrorists."

He also rejected criticism that he had given the guerrillas an obvious target by inviting 500 guests to a reception

on December 17 to celebrate the Emperor's birthday. "I cannot escape responsibility for letting the incident happen. but security [in Perul had definitely got better and inviting as many people as possible was a natural choice."

The siege ended on April 22

when Peruvian commandos

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attacked the residence and rescued most of the hostages. Two commandos, a hostage and all 14 rebels were killed. Peru told Mr Aoki yesterday that it intended to award him a medal for his handling of the hostage crisis. Victor Arimori, the Peruvian Ambassador to Japan, visited Mr Aoki at his Tokyo home to give him a let-ter from President Fujimori. Rome Felicitas Cartolini. the mother of Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, the Peruvian guerrilla leader killed during the storming of Mr Aoki's residence in Lime, told a press conference here yesterday that



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migrant cutback

IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA is to make another significant cut in its intake of immigrants, reducing the annual total by 8 per cent to 68,000.

Philip Ruddock, the Immi-gration Minister, admitted that the curback derived from concern over Australia's runemployment, which currently stands at 8.5 per cent.

House at the next election.

Australia Pommies for the

The family reunion category, which has favoured Asian migrants in recent years, will be particularly hit, with num-bers reduced by 23 per cent. Instead there will be a greater emphasis on those migrants with attractive work skills.

The announcement fuelled speculation that the conservative Government was bowing to pressure from Pauline Hanson, an anti-Asian politician who wants a ban on further immigration until memploy ment comes down. Latest opinion polls suggest that Ms Hanson, who launched her own One Nation party last month, could hold the balance of power in Australia's Upper

Last night, Mrs Hanson welcomed the move. Mr Ruddock denied the Government was bowing to pressure.

decrees fair game Aussies

Sydney: British migrants in Australia who take offence at being called a Pom have effectively been told they should not be so sensitive (Roger Maynard writes). After years of being brand-

ed whingers, the people who founded the country will have to take it on the chin. The term Pom is not racially offensive or even a minor insult, according to an official ruling. So forget all the jokes about a Pommy's towel (mainly dry) and a Pommy's wash (a rub with a wet sponge

The Human Rights and Equal: Opportunities Commission has ruled that the word is acceptable when referring to those of British extraction. It follows a complaint to the Brisbane Courier Mail in Oueensland over the apparently derogatory use of the word. One reader protested to the com

Now Sir Ronald Wilson, who heads the body, has ruled that publication of the words Pom or Pommy should not "offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate" people from

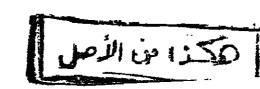
The word is believed to be an abbreviation of the term given to convicts transported to Australia - Prisoner of His



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British Marines arrested after Brazzaville clash

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

FOUR Royal Marines were bassy in Kinshasa said the Mobutu have followed the with an angry crowd near the standing" with the crowd. American Embassy in Brazza-

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During the incident shots police to disperse the crowd as they tried to reach the

The four are among 500 British military personnel in the region who had been preparing for a possible evac-uation of Britons and Commonwealth citizens from neighbouring Zaire, as rebel forces approached Kinshasa. Zaire has since been renamed the Democratic Republic of

The evacuation force is now due to return to Britain after a decision that an evacuation the peaceful handover of pow-

The Ministry of Defence in

detained by Congolese police four Marines had been "apyesterday after a confrontation prehended after a misunder-

British officials denied that the Marines had stolen a car. No one was injured when the were fired into the air by the shots were fired. An MoD spokesman said British Embassy officials were trying to free the four. About 220 of the 500 British troops in the region have been based in

> Across the Congo River in Kinshasa yesterday, soldiers of the defeated Zairean Armed Forces continued to surrender their weapons. Two of the ousted regime's top generals also gave themselves up. General Ameia Lokima, deputy Army Chief of Staff and military governor of Kinsha-sa, and Michel Elessi, commander of the gendarmerie in Kinshasa, handed themselves

Most leading figures in the

deposed dictator into exile. Those who don't have clean hands have fled to Brazzaville and beyond," said a diplomatic source in Kinshasa. The two generals who surrendered were not known to be involved in illegal activities, so proba-bly had little to fear."

Military intelligence sour-ces indicate that many generals in the old government forces were involved in extortion, protection rackets, smuggling and arms dealing.

We'll probably see more people emerging from their hiding places," said another diplomatic source. The only problem is that some people are keeping their arms. There's still some looting going on in the suburbs at We can't talk of total

After the assassination of two French businessmen on



fears of more attacks on Westerners. France, a longtime ally of President Mobutu, is being openly vilified now that the dictator has been

mat denied that a concerted campaign against French residents of Kinshasa was underway or that the assassinations had struck fear into the capital's French community. "Some people have been af-

fected by what happened," he said, "but others are not unduly worried." Laurent Kabila's forces have been touring Kinshasa

gathering weapons and stacking them at collection points.

It has yet to be established whether members of Mr Mobutu's forces will be integrated into a national army. Some, particularly members of the once-feared presidential

young, and some are in their early teens. The core of Mr Kabila's army comes from the east and is associated with the Tutsi ethnic group of eastern

Kabila set to disappoint hopes of broad-based Congo regime

BY DAVID ORR

THERE is growing onesse in the Democratic Republic of Congo that the transitional government of self-declared President Kabila will not be as inclusive as some hoped. A source in Laurent Kabila's rebel alliance has told The Times that Etienne Tshisekedi, the leading opposition politician, will not be faoured under the new order.

"There is no place for Tshisekedi," said the source. 'He is a demagogue and s destabilising factor.

Since his arrival in Kinsha sa the night before last, Mr. Kabila has been holding talks with members of his inner circle about the formation of a. new government.

Under President Mobutu. Mr Tshisekedi was three office of Prime Minister. times named Prime: Minister



Tshisekedi: sacked by

party, the UDPS, expects to be widely represented in the new Cabinet, while Mr Tshisekedi has his eye set again on the Mr Tshisekedi enjoys con- prone Mr Tshisekedi. Ugan-

and three times sacked. His siderable popularity among so-called radical grangition students and the intellectual

and central Kasai province. His detractors regard him as an opportunist who is ready reward of political office. Tshisekedi has shown in

the past that he doesn't have the interests of the country at heart", said the Kabila source. He is a man of cheap talk. Like many others, he only thought of enriching himself. If he didn't work out under Mobuta, why should he work The United States, which

was instrumental in persuading Mr Mobutu to exit, has been putting pressure on Mr Kabila to form as broadbased an administration as possible. Diplomatic sources indicate, however, that the US is reluctant to put all its weight behind the failureda is seen as the foremost

guerrilla leader and a supporter of Mr Kabila's insurgency, introduced the so-1986. The system allows individuals to stand for election

but precludes political parties. Mr Kabila's rebel alliance promises to rebuild democracv at village level and stresses the need for widespread political re-education of the peasantry. The people enjoyed little democracy under 32 years of rule by Mr Mobutu.

The hierarchy of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire comprises both moderate technocrats and radical ideologues of a socialist bent. Mr Kabila, a former Marxist, declares himself in favour of a free-market economy and elections "within a reasonable

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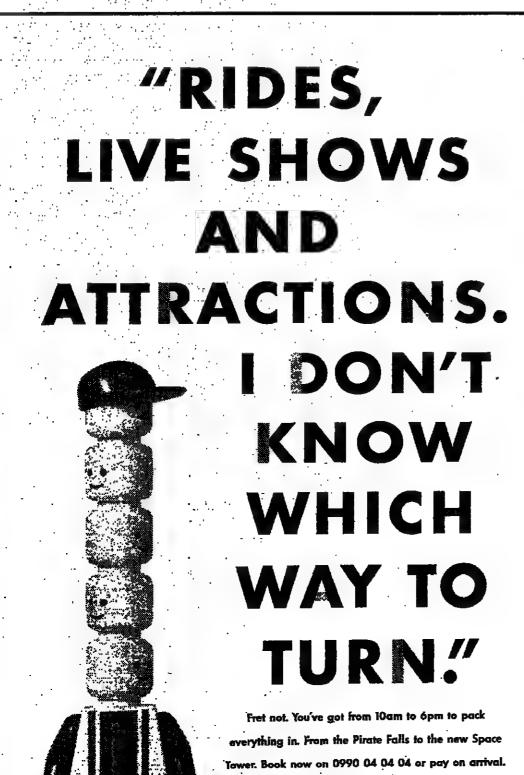
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Worldwide battle against the stigma of epilepsy

mark can cut right conversation. This happened a week or two ago when a middle-aged man described to his neighbour how he had recently had an epileptic seizure. The other guests at the table immediately fell silent, and then everybody started to talk at once to their embarrassment. Only I, who had a professional interest and was sorry not to hear the end of the story, and the man himself, seemed unconcerned. It would have been very different if the guest had admitted to having, for instance, rheumatoid arthritis or asihma, then boredom rather than embarrassment would have been the emotion evoked. On June 19, the Internation-

al League against Epilepsy. together with its lay counterpart, the International Bureau for Epilepsy and the World Health Organisation (WHO). are launching a global cam-paign against the worldwide problems occasioned by epilepsy. The launch is timed to take place before the World Congress on Epilepsy which is being held in Dublin at the end of June. The aim of the campaign is to improve the treatment and prevention of epilepsy as well as to foster better understanding of the condition so that those who have it are not rejected by

Epilepsy is the most common serious brain disorder in every country of the world. It can start at any age, it is universal, and has no geo-graphical boundaries although it is twice as common in developing countries where the standards of obstetrics are

Although 5 per cent of people have a seizure at some time in their life, it carries with it a very deep stigma in all parts of the world, including much of western Europe. The International Bureau for Epi-



report that in one western European country it still accented to beat an epileptic child after a fit in an attempt to discourage them from having them. The last law in the United Kingdom which prevented some patients with epilensy from marrying was only repealed in 1970 and in

parts of the Far East it is still re-'It is garded as a reasonable cause for annulment of a still marriage, or a good reason for acceptable prohibiting it in the first place. In this to beat a respect the United States has an child after equally bad history. As late as 1956. a fit' 17 states still banned people with epilepsy from mar-

rying, and in 18 states there was local government provision for the sterilisation of all people who had it. Only in 1980 did the last of the American states repeal legislation against marriage. In America, until 1970, patients with epilepsy were legitimately barred from public buildings, including restaurants. The approach was rather different in many parts of Africa where some communities regarded epilepsy as being infectious, so that the sufferers were banned

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Stuttaford on ignorance of epilepsy; lupus; remote monitoring of the heart: varicose veins; and life

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from communal eating places, whereas in others attacks were thought to be either the work of the devil or an evil sorcerer. It is counterproductive to suggest that uncontrolled epileptic seizures do not have profound effects on the physi-cal and mental well-being of those who suffer them. Sud-

den unexplained death, the

without stress

causes for which are not fully understood and therefore cannot necessarily be prevented, is the most serious complication of epilepsy. The tragedy is that treatment does now exist which could. in most cases, control seizures in three quarters of the people who have them Although the

number of drugs available to treat epilepsy has improved in the past few years, the best way of using them has still to be evaluated

Dr Ted Reynolds, director of the Institute of Epileptology at the Maudsley Hospital, London, and president of the International League against Epilepsy, said: "Doctors now understand the action of the older drugs against epilepsy. but we still lack accurate data comparing the four or five potent new drugs with each

the older drugs. Nor do we yet know about the effect of different combinations of drugs, whether new with new, or new

with old."
Careful high quality MRI scanning has enabled the root cause, a focal lesion, to be pinpointed and removed surgically in some cases when medical treatment has inadequately controlled the seizures.

Recently there has been publicity about vagal nerve stimulation which, it is claimed, cuts the number of seizures suffered by some selected patients who have not adequately responded to drug The stimulation therapy. The stimulation works in a similar way to that provided by a heart pacemaker. In vagal nerve stimulation a pulse generator is buried in the chest wall and passes electrical signals to the vagal nerve, Improvement is claimed to have occurred in a large proportion of the people who have been deemed suitable for the procedure, but Dr Reynolds gives it only a cautious welcome. "This is a novel American idea. Its benefit has still to be proven in controlled studies and nor, when there is apparent benefit, has its mode of action been adequately explained. New surgical techniques are not aiways subjected to the same rigorous evaluation which new drugs

There is no better example in levels of healthcare between the First and Third World than that displayed by the treatment of epilepsy. In Britain we are prepared to spend more than £6.200 on an operation for vagal nerve stimulation which is suitable for only a small number of selected patients and which is still of unproven value, whereas in the Third World, 40 million people with epilepsy have no treatment at all, not even daily phenobarbitone tablets, which don't cost more than a few pence per thousand.

Ten rules of

varicose veins

OUTSIDE the consulting

rooms of Mr Stanley Rivlin -

one of London's best-known

medical figures, and the surgeon who operated on Mrs

Thatcher's veins — a rhododendron, which has starred at

the Chelsea Flower Show, is in

bloom. Naming it Stanley Rivlin was a thank-you ges-

Mr Rivlin's contribution to

society, however, will be his

activice to patients with swollen

legs and varicose veins.

Mr Rivlin issues patients

with a nine-inch block.

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ture from a patient.



Saved by the voice of reason

hen a scientist, the mother of four children, said she could hear a voice telling her to commit suicide by jumping out. of a train or, on another occasion. driving into a tree, her doctor thought she had schizophrenia. The woman was even more alarmed when the voice ordered her to murder her children.

Since the birth of her fourth child. the 50-year-old woman had had a skin rash and joint pains, which had en described as rhewnatism, but ti voices, visions and the concept that someone else was in charge of her thoughts were new symptoms.

The patient had a scientist's analytical mind and when she told her story, movingly and compellingly, to a specialist, she told him she couldn't agree that she was a schizophrenic. Although she was convinced that the voices were real, she also thought that the murderous advice they gave was nonsensical.

The patient's insight saved her life, and probably that of her children, because it prompted her to ask for an argent bospital appointment. The specialist agreed that although the scientist had visual and auditory hallucinations, and suffered from thought broadcasting - the feeling that someone else controlled her

thoughts - she didn't have schizophrenia but had the cerebral effects of systemic lupus erythematosus, SLE. The disease not only affected her joints and skin, but also the blood vessels leading to the

Lupus. SLE, does not usually present itself so dramatically, but if itremains undiagnosed, it is an incurable, sometimes fatal, disease of the immune system. Lupus nine women are attacked by it for

Professor David Isenberg of University College and Middlesex Hospitals, London, said most patients initially complained of joint pains, which were frequently misdiagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis. The joint pains are often associated with a skin rash. Like all doctors, I tend to expect the classic rash of lupus, affecting the upper cheeks and the bridge of the nose - a pattern resembling the body and wings of a butterfly. But the professor warns that the butterfly rash occurs in only 25 per cent of cases. Other patients have a red, raised rash, a discoid rash like eczema, anywhere on the body, but particularly on those

cashes on the sides of the palms, extending to the fingers, are also

Distinguishing SLE from rheumatoid arthritis is as important as it is difficult. Time, and the way the pattern of the disease develops, helps, but differences in the analysis of the blood, especially the difference in the ievels of the rheumatoid factor, and tests for anti-nuclear autibodies, are of

Early diagnosis of lupus is ssential as appropriate treatment can limit damage to the kidneys — 30 per cent of patients are at risk of this and complications affecting the lungs, beart, spleen, and, as in the scientist's case, the central nervous

Should a young woman be diagnosed while she is pregnant, the outlook for the child has been revolutionised by the discovery that a combination of aspirin and low molecular-weight heparin can be life-

From June 1-7, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council For Research is campaigning to spread information about lupus as diagnosis is often missed until after irreparable damage has been done.



ONE OF the BT Global Challenge Round the World Ocean Race yachts which sailed from Cape Town to Boston on May 4 outdid the other 14 competitors by having the most complicated computerised equipment on board.
Dr Jean-Yves Chauve was

on the Courtauld International yacht, having gained special permission to carry an ECG machine, together with an extra computer and software to record the heart rate and rhythm of fellow crew members as they braved the waves and pulled upon the

Patients can take heart from remote monitoring

sheets far from the comforts of -

The tracings from the ECGs were transmitted to doctors; and scientists thousands of

miles away. The experiments were designed to determine whether

to aid the diagnosis of people with suspicious cardiac symptoms who were out of range of a specialised unit when they were taken ill.

this equipment could be used

Dr Chauve's research may make it possible in future for a person with heart symptoms when in remote jungle, on a lonely mountainside, or at sea. to have their irregular rhythm analysed or chest pain diag-

They could then be prescribed treatment by cardiologists working from a leading heart hospital.

High blood pressure - get thee to a nunnery

THE popular conception of life in a numery is that it offers peace, solitude and protection. It is assumed that nuns will live to a ripe old age as the lifestyle saves them from situations that play havee with the blood pressure and cardiovascular system

Over the past 30 years, a group of Italian research workers have been recording the blood pressure of 144 nuns, by now middle aged, and comparing it with the blood pressure of women who are non-smokers and non-hormone users, but who have had to face the stresses and strains of daily life.

The quiet unruffled existence of the convent proved just as beneficial to the heart and arteries as many would expect.

had to survive the stress created by living with husbands and children as well as the insecurity of the world, had twice as many heart attacks as the nuns, and their blood

pressure increased as they grew older. None of the nuns had a diastolic blood pressure which ever rose above 90. The objective of treating blood pressure is to keep the diastolic level, the lower of the two figures recorded, under 90. The research in the journal Blood Pressure confirms the importance of stress as a risk factor in coronary heart disease and the importance of lifestyle, as well as pills, in controlling



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Then you are probably what is technically known as "fair".

But don't warm as "fair".

But don't worry. You're not alone. In

Britain, 15 per cent of men and 16.5 per cent of women aged between 16 and 64 are not just overweight but obest defined as being 20 per cent above ideal weight. If someone tries to bully you about your shape, stand up to them.

providing you can get up, of course.

And don't be depressed by what happened to Eilene Kadden, the size 20 American who was ejected from Harrods on Monday for being too sore a sight for the eyes. Harrods is out of tune. with current tastes. The store's boss, cherry blossom. Sumo wrestlers are so Mohamed. Al Fayed, probably agrees with the Duchess of Windsor when she own bottoms after visiting the loct this

lovable, more and more people are wondering whether it might even be good for us. Vogue's June issue shows model Sara Morrison looking plump but also dreamily oduptuous in her little black dress. Sophic Dahl, Road's granddaughter, is another giant peach of a model. She was voted one of Loaded

readers' favourite babes. Three-quarters of Samoan women are obese, and their men love them even more for it it may be because - as a study at a Chicago hospital found - fat women have a greater sexual appetite than thin ones.

And how do you explain this? Petite Japanese women — including the country's top fashion models and actresses go mad for sumo wrestlers, even though life as a sumo wife is not all sushi and

re you one of those lucky people said a woman could never be too rich or union can eat slabs of Belgian too thin, and what a strange lady she in praise of fat — Joe Joseph on the Fat is not only fashionable and joys of the dreamily voluptuous woman

> duty falls to one of the trainee wrestlers in the sumo stable, but presumably wives have to step in when hubby is at home.

There's nothing novel about this fondness for fat. "Let me have men about me," said Julius Ceasar. "who are fat." Father Christmas is fat. Marilyn Monroe - a size 16 - is still rated as one women, and she's dead.

Gérard Depardieu, who weighs 17 stone, is called the thinking woman's truck. Luciano Pavarotti is so fat that if he lay down on his tummy you could throw a tablecioth over his back

and seat six for lunch. After seeing a curvy Mae West on the



Eilene Kadden: too fat?

that "it made one feel that thinness really was unsatisfactory sexually. This fat, pink, creamy, fleshy creature looked so lewd and naturally, healthily. amorously lustful that in one scene one had to cross one's legs". Not so much role mod-

els, as jam roll models. That is not to say that fat people don't still suffer discrimination. Sniggers are common. But only

last week a hospital in Nottinghamshire denied surgery to a 20-stone woman on the ground that she was too heavy for the operating table. The Department of Social Security, which can make funeral grants of up to £500, apparently refuses

A new pressure group called the International Obesity Task Force is complaining that obese Britons are costing the NHS hundreds of millions of pounds. In America, research by Duke University found that a businessman will earn \$1,000 a year less for every one pound he is overweight.

The stigma is now so great that a recent MORI survey found that almost half of girls aged II and over are terrified of being fat. This is despite evidence that thin women give us the heebie-jeebies. A study by The Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology found that American women only had to look at a picture of Claudia Schiffer for three minutes to become overwhelmed by feelings of depression,

stress, guilt and shame. And this wasn't because Schiffer was going out with that magician David Copperfield at the time, Richard Klein, author of the bestseller Eat Fat, has given millions of

waists. Klein, a professor of French at New York's Cornell University, argues that dieting is actually bad for us. For more than 40 years, the health/ beauty/ fitness industry has mobilised immense resources of wealth and creativity to persuade us of the virtues of being skinny". In that case, he suggests, we ought to be getting thin, not fatter, so perhaps we are all supposed to be getting fatter, since that's what we're all doing anyway". It's a compelling argument. Especially if you're, say, the everinflating Marlon Brando.

"Loving heautiful fat has been the rule, not the exception, in human history," argues Klein, "and one day it will rule again."

But there are limits. If, when a doctor places a thermometer in your armpit he ties string to one end so that he can retrieve it without sending in a search party led by Huskies, then you are already pretty plump. If the doctor can't actually find your armpit, start thinking about cutting out the cheesecake.

Hysteria and Gulf War syndrome

Elaine Showalter's questioning of conditions such as Gulf War syndrome and ME has proved so inflammatory that she faces death threats. Jason Cowley reports

the distinguished Anglo-American academic whose provocative new book about (ME) and other "hysterical really new factor in all this syndromes" has led to almost. When you have all this stuff daily calls for her murder. As well as having to contend with death threats, Showalter's life of scholarly routine has been - that I'm a Nazi, that what

disrupted in other ways, too:
At book signings, where she
is continually beckled, she requires constant protection. On television shows, where she boldly dismisses Gulf War syndrome as a pyschogenic sickness", an itinerant band of veterans are often lying in wait, sometimes dressed in uniform. Vague conspiratey theories suggesting that her research is funded by shadowy arms corporations, all with a vested interest in exposing Gulf War syndrome as nothing more than a psychosomatic illness, refuse to go away. And inflammatory exfrom her book. Hystories, are circulating on the internet, alongside attacks

on her character.

Fanatics purporting to be from the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Immune Dysfunction Group have even created a through which they traduce . her academic reputation, de-nounce her as a "Fascist and" Nazi" and call for her to be "demolished" or "wiped out". Most worryingly, a stalker of celebrity writers was sported last week at a meeting aftended by Showalter, 56, at Princeton University in New Jersey, where she has a chair in the

English department. A trenchant feminist and cultural critic, she has been researching madness and hysteria for more than two decades. As an academic, she claims to be used to "hostile" questioning", but her most recent brush with notoriety was a public spat with Simon Nye, the author of Men Be-

ach morning an having Badly, about whom vious exception of Gulf War other sack of hate she wrote a disparaging cri-syndrome 90 per cent of she wrote a disparaging cri-tique (Showaiter moonlights market People magazine).

she says: "I'm scared and circulating about you and have all these things being said about you and your book I've written is garbage - well.

fuss? In Hystories, her new study of hysterical epidemics and modern cul-

asserts that America has become the hot zone of psy-chogenic diseases. and that the country is in the grip of pyschological fatigue syndrome (ME or yuppie drome, recovered memory, multiple personality disor-det, satanic ritual abuse, alien abdection: all are psychosomatic ill-

nesses, manifestations of fin-de-stecle anxiety. The histories of these syndromes are linked and overlapping. They all move towards suspicion conspiracy theories, wiich-hunts and mass panies. Word about them spreads fast. The afflicted feast on The X-Files, self-

hysteria seeks out scapegoats and enemies from unsympathetic doctors, abusive fathers, and working mothers to devil-worshipping sadists, curious extraterrestrials and evil governments."

as television critic of the mass-

Milecting on recent events, with the multiple roles that it's really scary."

So what lies behind all the ture, Showalter

found their outlet in physical symptoms."

help books and pruriently confessional talk shows. s the panic reaches. epidemic proportions," she writes, Showalter unearths fascimating statistics. With the ob- toms, and to insist that they

says, "this has something to do women are struggling to fill, and anxieties that they are unable to articulate. And we are not just talking about anonymous women here, but also women of great celebrity." She cites the case of the Empress of Japan who lost her voice after sustained press criticism. She did not speak for three months - a classic hysterical symptom. You

hysterical syndrome patients



Elaine Showalter: protected at book signings

could say that Princess Di-ana's bulimia is a form of this, too. Diana clearly found herself in a situation where she was dealing with emotions she couldn't articulate, so they

As a sceptical Freudian, Showalter feels the victims of syndromes are encouraged to blame external sources for psychic problems. Although she does not go so far as to accuse patients of lying, she suggests that "they learn about diseases from the media, unconsciously develop the symptoms, and then attract media attention in an endless cycle". She writes: "Culture forces people to deny the psychological and emotional sources of their symp-

and entitled to the privileges of Next week Showalter arrives in London, where she

summer researching medical history at the Wellcome Institute. She expects a rough reception: Dr Charles Shepherd, medical director of the British Myalgic Encephalo-myelitis Association, has already accused her of crass irresponsibility. "I feel very angry about her," he says.
"Patients have had a raw deal for 15 years. Re-search confirming

> tigue syndrome is not in the mind has come through in the past two years and this sort of madness is ammunition for the "One person a month commits suicide because

that chronic fa-

they are not getting the support they need, because they are told 'Go away, pull yourself together'. I suspect we will get people committing suicide as a result

of this book. I'm not surprised she has had death threats." Showalter is saddened by these remarks, dismissing them as outrageous and irres-ponsible. "I think it is an outrage that an educated person in a position of responsibility should seek to legitimise a violent reaction to my book. It is shocking to me that a British doctor could say such incendiary things; that people will committ suicide. We aren't talking ayatollahs here; we're talking British doctors.

He should get real." She insists that her book is balanced and moderate; that the ferocity of its reception has surprised her. This may be a little disingenuous: in the Beyond Scapegoats section, she

must be biological and beyond their control for them to view concedes: "Defining recovered memory, chronic fatigue and Gulf War syndrome as conthemselves as legitimately ill temporary hysterias, and analysing them on a continuum with alien abduction stories ... will infuriate thousands of

> suffering from unidentified organic disorders. She is prepared, too, to take on British Gulf War veterans, many of whom are mired in compensation disputes with the Government and at least 600 (compared to 60,000 in the US) of whom claim to have Gulf War syndrome. Sho-walter acknowledges that their suffering is real.

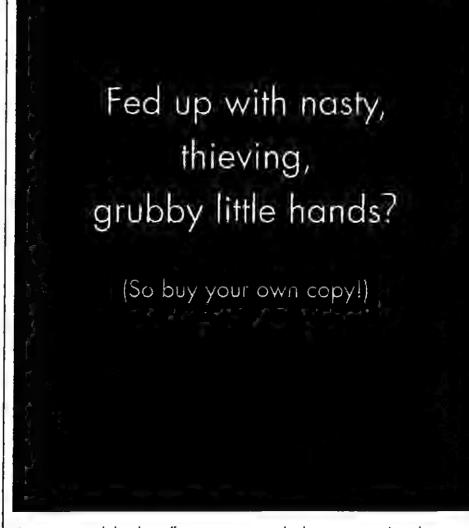
he just refuses to ac-cept that their ailments have a chemical cause. "The symptoms caused by war neurosis are just as painful and incapacitating as if they were caused by sarin pesticides or vaccines." In short, they are cultural phenomena.

As she prepares for her last round of speaking engage-ments before her sojourn in England - a country, she says, that is wiser, more balanced and ironic than the US - Showalter hopes that, once the dust settles, Hystories will open up a dialogue be-tween the afflicted and their accusers. She remains confident that society has the knowledge to control "epidemic hysteria", though she feels it will take dedication and persistence to counter sensational reports, rumours and fear.

"I wrote the book to destigmatise hysterical illness. I am in complete sympathy with the people suffering from these syndromes. As someone who is outside the fray. I thought I was in a position to raise difficult questions. I'm not going to solve this problem, but I can at least bring it out into the open. My mantra is: 'Knowledge is the cure'."

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The politics of private lunching

Sue Cameron says Whitehall will

defend a minister's right to leak

word in the ear of Tony Blair's lieutenants on The subject of lunch. They should not waste time calling up ministerial diaries on the Cabinet Office computer when they want to check whether any of their charges have gone "tolwol" - to lunch

without leave. The integrated computer diary showing exactly what all Cabinet ministers are meant to be doing at all times was introduced under Michael Heseltine when he was Deputy Prime Minister and it is called Cab-e-net. But it does not show lunches with journalists. "Oh, dear me. no." said one old Whitehall hand in shocked tones. "Lunch with a journalist isn't an official en-

gagement, is it? So it couldn't go in the official diary." How far this has been borne in upon Alistair Campbell, the new No 10 Press Secretary, or Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, is unclear. What is certain is that Downing Street is keeping tabs on ministerial lunches

with the media. กมักโรเดาร Reports that would have to obtain clearance for such lunches roused such a storm of ridicule that

The lunch

police may

find leaks

impossible

the system was softened almost immediately. Now media lunches by officials or minis-

ters merely have to be logged. All this symbolises new Labour's intent to run a more centrally controlled administration than

any before it. Yet Tony Blair and his coterie may find it harder than they think to impose their will on the government machine. For one thing, the sheer scale of Whitehall will make it impossible to keep track of ministers all the time. For another, the Blair insiders do not have departments of their own. In Civil Service terms. this is like being a general without an army. It makes it hard to plug into Whitehall's powerful private office net-

flyers of the Civil Service barter policy positions and make inter-departmental deals on behalf of their bosses. Aside from such practical difficulties, those who want to concentrate too much power at the centre will encounter opposition in principle from those guardians of British governance, the senior Civil Service. Whitehall may be delighted at the prospect of a return to firm government, but top officials will question the degree of central control. Discipline and en-ordination will be applauded. Attempts to usure great departments of state will not.

As one Permanent Secretary pointed out, four system rests in the doctrine of collective Cabinet responsibility. If the Prime Minister himself tells us to do something then we do it, but if anyone else at the centre tried to overrule my Department without a Cubinet desision, then I think I would have to advise my minister to say no. I would tell him it was not just a matter of fighting the Department's corner, it would be his constitutional dury."

Rousing ministers to open revolt may not be necessary. Just as the Russians rely on winter as their chief defence against invasion, so civil servants will rely on the size. complexity and idiosyncrasy of the government machine. Which

brings me back to lunch. Whitehall has always treated lunch in the strictest confidence. So much so that ministers have not one but three diaries. First there is the official diary, which is put on Cab-enet and which is so innucuous it can be shown to almost invone - even the Cabinet Office. Then there is the confidential diary, which may be vouchsafed to senior officials in a minister's own department. Finally there is the real diary, which is kept under lock and key, its contents known only to the minister himself

and his private secretary. The reason for the diary subterfuge is that ministers and officials know it is some times in their department's interest to have its case out in the open. The most obvious example is when a spending department is battling against the Treasury. These conflicts will be as much a feature of the new Labour administration as

ever they were of past governments, if not more so. And it will be no use Messrs

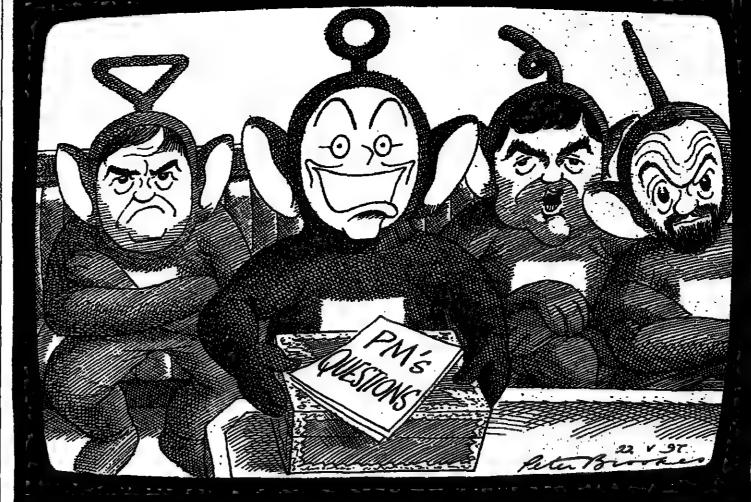
Mandelson and Campbell telling everyone to stay "on message". The point is they will all be conveying different messages. The best way for a department to put without an unseemly public row is for a Cabinet minister to leak it. (As tele-

vision's Sir Humphrey Apple-by used to observe, the ship of state always leaks from the top.) Traditionally this leaking has been done over lunch. and Mr Blair's new lunch police, however vigilant, may find this custom impossible to

ome ministers will practise Whitehall-style economies with the truth, as happened when ing to pry into colleagues' lunch arrangements. "I think I've put you down as a meeting on internal development," remarked one minister at the time to his journalist host, as they contemplated puddings at a smart London restaurant. Nervous ministers may ac-

tually forego lunch to avoid logging it, but they will still leak. They will leak in the Commons, they will leak down the phone, they will leak through political advisers or other ministers, they will leak at conferences, they will leak through officials, they will leak not at lunch but at breakfast, tea and drinks-time (it is usual, said Sir Humphrey, to drink before

Perhaps they have started Within days of aiready. Labour's victory there were reports that Britain might rejoin the European exchange rate-mechanism as a pretude to accepting the single currency. The rumours were denied. but not before they had driven down the pound - to the Treasury's delight. A happy hour for Chancellor Gordon Brown and his officials? Or were they out to lunch?



TELETUBBIES ROW: NEW-STYLE PROGRAMME "SLOW, BANAL, ILL-CONCEIVED."...

Is Euroscepticism dead?

have been sitting on the crossbenches of the House of Lords for the debates on the Queen's Speech. They have been good debates, with peers — including many hereditary peers — making original and knowledgeable contributions. The Conservatives, though now sixting on the left hand of the throne, are still the largest party. Yet one cannot avoid feeling that the usual balance of parliamentary life has been destroyed. The Labour victory was so great a landslide that for the moment there can be no real opposition. Those of us who sit as crossbench peers have always known that we exercised no power; now it is as though everyone were as power-

less as the crossbenchers, except for a

small group on the Government front

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bench in the House of Commons. The landslide has overwhelmed the usual checks and balances inside the Labour Party, as well as those between the parties. The three leaders who won the election were Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson. So long as they work together, they must : Ine Cabinet, Kobin Co defend his own territory, but that is about all. Anything the triumvirate want, they can have. There is obviously a danger in this. Parliament exists to control the power of the executive: for the time being that check hardly survives. Parliament itself has lost

much of its power. Since the election, the Labour Government seems to have shifted policy on Europe, particularly on the single currency. Before May I, the Labour Party was caudous about Europe, admitting that there might be economic problems with the euro, and expressing determination to resist the creation of a European superstate. That mood has changed, perhaps because their majority is so large. The most significant decisions affect the Bank of England. Gordon Brown has given the Bank operational control of interest rates, which was not promised in the Labour manifesto, and has taken away regulatory responsibility for the banking system, which was not mentioned even in the Queen's Speech. The implication is that the Government is preparing to give itself are on then to enter the single currency in the first wave, on January 1. 1990. That is now only 19 months away. The rest of the Government's pro-European policy fits that

assumption The Labour Parry is committed to a referendum on the single currency.

Blair should beware: victory doesn't

mean the public wants a single currency

and a determination to enter in the first wave would run the risk of a referendum defeat. Yet the opportunity is tempting. If the Labour vote were whipped, as it almost certainly would be, and the Conservatives had a free vote, as they were promised by John Major, there might be at least 450 votes in favour of the single currency in the new House of Commons. That would include almost all the Liberal Democrats. The majority for entry would be 250, perhaps close to 300. The Labour and Liberal Democrat parties would then run a joint "yes" campaign: the shattered Conservatives would

people to vote "no". "no" would probably have the support of the mapress, the Conser-

certainly advise

vatives, nor the business community would be unanimous. If a referendum could not be won in these circumstances, it could never be won at all.

Before the election, Tony Blair's intention may well have been to wait to see how the single currency developed, and to join it only in the second round, perhaps in 2002. He could have made the next election the point of public decision, and avoided the referendum risk. He will still have that option, but he must now be conscious of the power of his great majority. If he were to win a single currency referendum in 1998. he would have demonstrated again his influence with the electorate. No politician understands better than the Prime Minister the advantage of staging a light you can win; that is what he did when he abolished the lung-cherished Clause Four.

The Conservatives seem likely to choose a leader who is against entering the single currency, as are five of the six candidates. The risk of a referendum from the Labour Party's point of view does not, however, come from the Conservatives, who won less than a third of the vote on May I, but from public opinion itself. There is a deep underlying Euroscepticism in Britain: lew people want deeper integration with Europe: most people

want to stay in without joining the single currency; more people want to come out altogether than want to integrate further. A referendum on the single currency taken before the last election would almost certainly have been lost.

However, the Eurosceptics did not have a good election. Among Conser-vative candidates, Eurosceptics seemed to suffer very much the same swing as their more Europhile neighbours. That was not universally true: of the Somerset seats, the Eurosceptic David Heathcoat-Amory held Wells, while Weston-super-Mare, Taunton

and Somerton were being won by the Liberal Democrats. Having resigned as a minister on the issue of Europe proto hold his seat.

The nation's Eurosceptics did not have a major party to vote for. Under the influence of Kenneth Clarke, John Major had refused to rule out joining the single currency during the Parliament that has just begun. The Referendum Party and the UK Independence Party were not contenders for power. But the poor showing of Eurosceptics in the election does not necessarily mean that public opinion has

n the doorstep, Conserva-

tive canvassers found that the European Union was an important issue. Voters had strong feelings, but they were not prepared to make it a single-issue election. If there was one single issue, it was the desire to get the Tory Government out, a desire quite widely held by Conservatives themselves. From Tony Blair's point of view, the danger of a referendum is that it would make Europe the single issue in future. No doubt many Labour voters would vote "yes" if their Government asked them to, but even among Labour voters there would be many who would not A single currency referendum would give the Conservatives an opportunity to regroup, with a new leader, around a popular issue.

tish nationalism. Both are based on people's desire to govern themselves. Scotland, there are hardline nationalists who favour full independence, moderate nationalists who favour devolution, and unionists who want to keep the union unchanged. When it comes to Europe, there are hardline Eurosceptics who want to get out, moderate Eurosceptics who want to stay in but go no further, and Europhiles who want a fully integrated Europe. In the Scottish referen-dum, the idea of a separate parliament more or less unites hardline and moderate nationalists. In a single currency referendum, opposition to the euro would unite hardline Eurosceptics with most moderate Eurosceptics. In theory, the balance of public opinion should be "yes" to a Scottish parliament but "no" to joining the European single.

Of course, this opinion may have changed, or the Government may be able to change it. The public is always impressed by success and decisive huge majority and has been pouring out decisions and actions ever since The Tories led the Eurosceptic cru-sade, and after the May Day massacre the vanquished did not look good. Even the EU itself has become more friendly. European politicians have been pleased to see a more sympathetic British Government; they have been envious of the scale of the Labour victory. At least for the present, relations between Britain and the other main EU countries are warmer than they were, and one may be sure that nothing would be done to upset the British in a pre-referendum

Momentum is always very power ful in politics. Perhaps, if Mr Blair takes the risk, he can pull off one of those narrow referendum victories. like the tiny French majority in the Maastricht referendum. Yet there is a danger that this seemingly omnipotent Labour Government should not larget. The Conservatives turned against the idea of self-government. for Scotland. Twenty years later they lost every Scottish seat. Labour might win a referendum victory on the euro' next year, even against the grain of the British electorate; but the desire for self-government is a potent political force which will reassert itself in the end, as the Americans showed the British in 1776, and the Scots reminded the Tories in 1997,

Labour's rotten borough

Magnus Linklater on Glasgow's

sleazy subculture

Behind the case of Mohammed Sarwar lies an even more seri-ous affair: the corrupt state of the Labour Party in Glasgow. It is the corruption of a party that has been in power unchallenged for too long; the corruption not of money handed over in plastic bags, but of influence behind the scenes, favours traded, empires built and ruthlessly guarded. Glasgow has become a political midden, and though the party execu-tive in Scotland has circled round it warily, it has never felt able to plunge the fork in and turn it over, perhaps for fear of what it would uncover. The Sarwar allegations offer it a chance,

finally, to do just that.

Mr Sarwar himself may survive the charges against him. The allegation that he bribed an opponent for the sake of a few hundred votes is inherently improbable, but his coat, as the Scots say, is hanging "on a shoogly peg". At the very least his judgment looks flawed, and other claims about the methods used by some of his supporters in securing a narrow victory at the general election raise even more serious questions.
From the outset of his career as a local councillor he has been dogged by rumours about vote-rigging packed membership lists and dubious electoral registers. One membership lists are designed to the country of t of the Labour's Scottish Executive who attended the meeting at which Mr Sarwar sought nomination in Govan said that the atmosphere was so hostile he worried it might end in fisticuffs. "I've never beard so many

he told me at the time.

That selection ended in a bitter dispute over the result. After scrudiny, the election was remin and Mr Sarwar won the nomination. But a lingering respicion remained, and his opponents were left thoroughly aggrieved. Almost from the moment of his triumph on election night, they began spreading dark stories about his campaign and the way the Asian vote was manipulated.

reputations smeared in one evening,

Given the seriousness of the charges, which date back to 1995, it seems extraordinary that the Scottish Labour Party has failed until now to mount a rigorous inquiry. It would be hard to imagine allegations of this nature going unchallenged anywhere else. But this is Glasgow, where steeping dogs, or even stirring ones, tend to be left alone, and — perhaps understandably - the party was desperate to ensure that its first But there have been other cases where inaction seems to have been

the watchword. Last February, Bob Gould, leader of the Labour group on Glasgow City Council, aroused his colleagues tury by claiming that some councillors had tried to trade their support in return for trips to seaside resorts and conferences abroad. It was corruption of a fairly minor nature — some would say no worse than the patronage handed out by the Chief Whip's office in the Commons — but the reaction was revealing. Within days it was being widely put about that Councillor Gould's political career was finished. Whistle-blowing, it seems, is an unforgivable sin.

a it happens, Mr Gould has survived so far, and if Labour's National Executive decides to institute the purge of suspect councillors it has promised, he may find his reputation positively enhanced. But it will take more than some minor weeding-out to re-establish Glasgow's reputation. The party has been tainted by the Monklands affair, where, in John Smith's former seat, charges of nepotism were brought with the added ingredient of sectarianism. And in nearby Paisley, where the Labour MP Irene Adams took on some local drug barons, there were extraordinary allegations that Labour councillors had openly presided over a violent subculture and allowed public funds to be siphoned off by drug-runners and moneylaunderers. In both cases the Labour hierarchy turned a blind eye until it was forced into action by public

. It cannot afford to do so any longer. This is a moment of crisis for the City. It has in the past achieved great things, thanks to the vision and imagination of its leaders. In 1990 it won the title City of Culture against Europe-wide compension. It built a new international concert hall and conference centre, it launched a brilliant public relations campaign which helped to rejuvenate its economy. Now, however, it faces massive curbacks following local government reorganisation in Scotland Council tax has been put up, and initial cuts of 590 million in public services have been brought in. The last thing it needs at such a time is an avalanche of sleaze.

What Labour's inquiry needs to do, therefore, is more than just investigate the Sarwar affair. It has to look hard at the way its party functions at the grass-roots, its operation at local as well as national level, the way power is used and the openness - or tack of it - with which it conducts its business. This will be no easy task. for new Labour will be confronting the most entrenched and intransigent aspects of old Labour in its last redoubt, the West of Scotland, It will ·H·S | be a bitter confrontation. be a bitter confrontation, but it is not

Golden touch

JOHN and Norma Major have moved into a Knightshridge maisenette where Ivana Tromp used to live with her flance Riccardo. Mazzucheili. It was bought from Marzuchelli in 1944 for \$25 million by Lord Hierris of Peekham, the Tory Party treasurer, and is being Lett by him to the Mators while

they look for a place of their own. Harris has houses to spure in-London, so when the new Leader of the Opposition was faced with the prospect of commuting from his

consituency home in Cambridgeshire to the Commons every day. he offered the flat in Cadozan

Mazzuchelli sold the place when he married Ivana and moved to a larger house across the square. It must have been a wrench. The residence is in two parts. On one side is what is described as the largest one-bedroomed flat in London. It has a huge ground-floor bedroom, a dining-room to seat bi). a bath with gold taps and room for



Will Ivana's decor appeal to John?

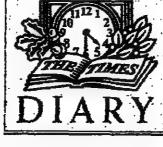
gight, a simng-room and Ivana's fabled African Room, decorated with a thick impard-skin curpet and crotic gillssware. "There's a gallery above the haliway and gold eaf on everything." says a neighocur "It is totally over the top," Adjusting are three smaller bed-

rooms which can be entered only from outside. It is all very different from the case furniture and conservatory siy is of the Majors' home Grent Stukeley, Huntingdon, But with two balanties. Major can at least indules his newfound interest in gardening.

Self-appointed

GORDON BROWN'S overhaul of the City watchdog system surprised everbody, not least Howard Davies, the man whom he has appointed chairman of the newly strengthened Securities and Investments Board, Only last Friday, Davies, who is at present the Depary Governor of the Bank of England, was interviewing shortlisted candidates for the job he has now been given hunself.

With the Treasury's permanent secretary. Terry Burns, who was also completely unaware of the chances. Davies listened to six candidates for the job of board chairman, which would have been vacated anyway by the incumbent Sir-



Andrew Large in July. The former Labour MP Dr Oonagh McDonald was in the frame, along with Lord Earwell, former economic adviser to Neil Kinnock. Earwell did not deny that he was interviewed yesterday: "I can make no comment on that whatspever."

Trust us

THE Prince of Wales has agreed to give his first television interview since ITV's Jonathan Dimbleby documentary, in which he all-but confessed to adultery. He is being filmed this week at Highgrove, giving a lengthy interview to Sir David Frost for transmission by the BBC in about two weeks' time

The prince's ill-advised remarks to Dimbleby three years ago, when he said he had tried and failed to "be faithful and honourable

to his wife prompted the Princess of Wales to give her Panorama

No risks are being taken this time. Sir David, a kindly interviewer, will concentrate on just one subject during the 60-minute pro-gramme: the Prince's Trust, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary. And the BBC is entrusting the project to its "documentaries" department, rather than "news and current affairs", which master-minded the deadly Panorama.

 Has No 10 finally managed to muzile its Minister of Sport, Tony

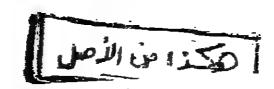


We hope to back in power by then"

Banks? Late yesterday, he called the BBC to say he could not appear on Radio 4s The News Quiz. which is recorded this evening for Saturday's broadcast. He caplained that he had been playing things a bit too close so could not join Alan Coren and the other regulars.

Absentee FEARS for the safety of fashion de-

signer Vivienne Westwood were raised on Tuesday when she failed to appear at a party to launch her new shop in Conduit Street, Wi. The designer's 200 guests — in-cluding Anits Pallenberg, Oswald Boateng and Vogue Editor Alexandra Shuiman - arrived at the shop at 7 o'clock, where they found 60 magnums of Moet et Chandon, but no Vivienne. After frantic telephone calls from concerned PR. girls, the 56-year-old designer and her husband. 30-year-old Andreas Kronhaler; eventually appeared at 8.30pm, by which time the fizz had run out and most of the guests had left. "Andreas and I were working late in my studio in Battersea, Westwood said by way of an excuse, "and then we had to go home to Clapham so that he could get





PIGS IN POKES

We need to know more before the devolution vote

House of Commons yesterday, was John Smith's unfinished business: Unfortunately, the devolution package Mr Dewar's Government plans to implement is still only a half-finished creature. If devolution is to work then more work must be done before it is put to the people. The principle of a referendum on constitutional matters is democratically impeccable. Parliament should consult the people before transferring significant powers, which it holds in trust. The referendum scheme proposed is, however, demonstrably imperfect.

Marin.

If the Conservative Cassandras are to be proved wrong, and devolution is to be a bulwark for the Union, rather than a battering ram against it, then it must be soundly based. Popular support for Home Rule needs to be properly ascertained, and the proposed assembly scheme so designed as not to exacerbate divisions.

Opinion polls record a clear, and settled, majority of Scots and Welsh who want their sense of autonomy given concrete expression in an assembly. The Government was elected with a ringing commitment to legislate for change. Assemblies could bring the administrative devolution that already exists in the Scottish and Welsh Offices under better democratic control. They could awaken new talent in the kingdom's neglected corners. But only if they are constructed to avoid obvious pitfalls.

There is a danger, given the current referendum proposals, that Government plans for devolution will not receive the scrutiny they deserve. Firstly, because the proposed referendum would take place before the Bill to create an assembly had passed into law, the voters would be invited to pass their verdict on a castle in the air rather than a parliament on the ground.

The Government plans to publish a White them, cannot be a costless exercise.

Devolution, as Donald Dewar reminded the Paper in the summer before referendums in the autumn but, however detailed the White Paper is, the Government cannot guarantee that it will be an accurate sketch of the new assemblies. If the Scots vote "yes" to a parliament in the referendum, but "no" to tax-varying powers, the nature of the beast will have changed dramatically. Moreover, if the Bill is amended as it goes through Parliament, and Parliament would be failing in its duty if it did not, then the Scots and Welsh will find themselves with a body for which they did not vote.

If, however, as Donald Dewar seemed to hint, a referendum "Yes" would be used to speed the passage of legislation through Parliament then that could lead to an even less satisfactory outcome. If those who try to reform the scheme are branded wreckers then, far from serving democracy, the referendum would have undermined it. Michael Howard was, rightly, alive to the dangers of plebiscitary authority being used to quell necessary dissent but his invocation of parallels with Continental dictatorships was quite unneccessary.

Given that the Government is determined to put the cart before the horse and hold the referendum before the legislation then steps can, still, be taken to improve matters. The White Paper should be as comprehensive, and honest, as possible. The West Lothian Question remains unanswered and, until it is. devolution risks fracturing the Union by encouraging the English to ask why Scots should have a say in England when they have none north of the border. A White Paper that spelled out a quid pro quo for a devolution, whether that was a reduction in Westminster representation or public spending, would address a core weakness of the current scheme. And it would alert Scots to the inevitability that devolution, even for

CONGO REVISITED

A test for Kabila; and a test for the West too

The end of the Mobutu regime is as significant for Africa as the end of apartheid in South Africa. Mobutu Sese Seko's strategy of divide and misrule infected the whole region through the rebellions he stoked in neighbouring countries. If Laurent Kabila, who has renamed Zaire the Democratic Republic of Congo, handles what is bound to be a difficult transition with the flair that his troops have shown in their long march, this. vast land could become the hub of a new and

Mr Kabila is not, however, cast in the same mould as Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni. Instead of belonging to the new generation of African modernisers, he is a veteran rebel. It is in the hope that President Kabila, for all his fondness for such throwbacks as political commissars and popular re-education", will reject his Marxist past and prove a hard-headed but tolerant pragmatist that he has had such strong backing from Congo's neighbours. The character of his transitional government which began to emerge yesterday will be the first indication of his true colours.

To sustain the mood of goodwill and hope which greeted his arrival in Kinshasa late on Tuesday, the Kabila administration needs to be broad-based and economically competent. He would be well advised to fully exploit the talents of Etienne Tshikeshedi, the leader of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress which formed the main civilian opposition to the Mobutu regime. But bridge-building may have to go further; those of Mobutu's closest aides who have not fled may well merit investigation, possibly criminal charges; but refusal to work with anybody associated with the old regime is impractical.

The country has diamonds, gold and other valuable minerals in plenty, untapped oil reserves, and fertile land. But the State is not just bankrupt but poisoned by corruption. If it is to attract the foreign investment that will spur growth, and start to repair wrecked roads and railways, telephones, schools and medical services, Congo will need not just a liberal market regime but all the experienced managers it can muster.

Respect for authority has to be built from dishonesty has been the only defence for millions, the public sector has ceased to function, bribery is endemic. Changing this mentality will be extremely hard. The new Government must tread carefully to avoid a backlash in provinces which have survived the Mobutu years by keeping the kieptocrats of Kinshasa at arm's length and will now want more, not less autonomy.

That is why this Government must be genuinely transitional, with early multiparty elections under a federal constitution. African leaders are calling for this as firmly as any Western government. The West must however do more than preach good government; it must return to Congo's people the billions in aid, export earnings and private savings stolen by Mobutu and his intimates. The trawl must include front companies; a man who even put his \$2.3 million wine cellar in the name of an associate is bound to have covered his tracks. But to admit defeat would be to be party to organised crime - a crime which implicates every bank and business that has participated in Africa's most spectacular laundry operation and which reflects ill on on the Western governments which for decades, knowingly, played Mobutu's dirty game.

BLAIR AT THE BOX

Less posturing and more reason make for a bland confection

Prime Minister's Question Time yesterday was in Paddy Ashdown's words, "a little less confrontational and a little more rational". Those MPs who barracked the Liberal Democrat leader might also have thought that it was a little more boring. But how much this had to do with the new format and how much it was a gentle running in for the new Prime Minister is still hard to tell. The first PMQs of the first session of a new Parliament are bound to be relatively friendly. The last PMQs of the last session of an old Parliament will be acrimonious. The two cannot be directly compared.

The most useful reform is the abolition of the time-wasting reply: "I refer the Honourable Gentleman to the reply I gave some moments ago." In her II years at the dispatch box, Margaret Thatcher must cumulatively have spent at least a day parroting this phrase, which added nothing to the sum of political knowledge. Also welcome is the follow-up question given to Paddy Ashdown and to MPs who put down substantive questions in advance.

By the middle of Mr Major's administration, the then Prime Minister finally decided to drop insults about the last Labour Government, reasoning that most voters could not even remember it. Mr Blair will for some years be able to blame his inheritance for any failures under his administration. And backbenchers can rail about the state of the country without fear that this will reflect on the party in charge. On yesterday's example, Tony Blair will not descend from observation to plain insult. Mr Blair performed with assurance, barely glancing at a note. John Major looked enviously across, perhaps recalling the heavy briefing file through which he used to leaf as questioners took to their feet. But then the new Prime Minister has little to defend so far. His policies are scarcely more than intentions. When events start to trip him up, as they inevitably will, and as his ministers start to do more, he will find the Wednesday ordeal somewhat more demanding.

The new format offers a barely noticeable reduction in the Prime Minister's accountability. In 30 minutes, he worked his way through more questions than the two quarter-hour sessions held in the last Parliament. The advantage is that Mr Blair will now have an extra morning each week to spend on governing the country. But his aides should be watched carefully lest they are tempted to sneak out embarrassing announcements on Thursdays so that they

have lost their sting by the next Wednesday. Some things never change. This Prime Minister seems just as comfortable as his predecessor using words such as "tearaways and thugs". The Leader of the Opposition had a soundbite ready for the end of his intervention. But the impression the session left on the viewer was quite different. The old PMQs had all the excitement of a violent thriller and left an equally bad taste in the mouth. The new are more like an episode of The Good Life: enjoyable but slight, and as bland as they are sensible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A wider electoral base to choose new Tory leader

From Captain John Lofts. Chairman of the Christchurch & East Dorset Conservative Association

Sir, I appeal to other Conservative association chairmen to resist the attempt by Mr Robin Hodgson, chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, to make us into mandated delegates in the leadership election (report, May

Our association is affiliated to the national union and accepts its rules. What we do not accept is Mr Hodgson's attempt to usurp those rules by requiring me as chairman to become the mandated delegate of over 2,000 individual party members in this constituency. Even if it was practical for me to ascertain in the time available what each one thought about the can-didates for the leadership election, few of them will have seen the individual manifestos of the six candidates let alone met them or seen them in action

Mr Hodgson's plan is a recipe for division and strife which will set one group of Conservatives against another and potentially some groups in the country against some Members of

I am consulting members of our association about the leadership, as is our MP. But we look to Members of Parliament collectively to exercise their judgment and we will accept the outcome whatever it is and loyally support the new leader.

Yours faithfully. JOHN LOFTS, Constituency Chairman, Christchurch & East Dorset Conservative Association. 18a Bargates, Christchurch, Dorset. May 20.

From Mr Anthony Wigram

Gulf War illness

From Mr Alfred Morris

(May 13).

Sir, If the Conservative Party wants to involve the membership in the selec-tion of its leader it should do so wholeheartedly on a one member, one vote basis. The suggestion by Brian Maw-hinney of a 15 per cent share for consti-

Sir, Everyone interested in the well-

being of the men and women who re-

turned from service in the Gulf War

with undiagnosed illnesses will be in-

debted to Michael Evans. Stephen

Farrell and Ian Brodie for their crisp

and comprehensive guide to the issues

Among the issues of enduring con-

cern is the gap of more than six years

between the destruction by US troops

of ammunition bunkers at Kamisiyah

in Southern Iraq in March 1991 - in-

cluding bunker 73, which contained

chemical weapons - and the admission only in 1996, first by the Penta-

gon, of a possible link between chemi-

cal agent exposure around Kamisiyah and Gulf-related illnesses.

The Iraqis told UN inspectors in

1991 that the ammunition dump at

Kamisiyah had contained chemical

war weapons and this was urgently

reported by the UN to the ClA, the

not until March 24 this year, in a letter

sent to me by Nicholas Soames, then

Armed Forces Minister, after I had

tabled two parliamentary questions,

that any ministerial comment came

from the MoD. Even then his letter

went only into the Commons Library

and not Hansard as I had requested.

ment's long overdue acknowledgment

of the use of toxic pesticides in the Gulf

(report, October 5, 1996) alone make

the urgency of the new minister's initi-

ative all the more reassuring. Those

now living broken lives due to service

in the Gulf War, as your excellent re-

porting of May 13 makes plain, will

need all the urgency we can summon.

Yours faithfully,

May 20.

ALFRED MORRIS

(Labour MP for Manchester,

Gulf War Group), 20 Hitherwood Drive, SE19.

Member, Royal British Legion

Ethics and realpolitik

Sir, At last we have a Foreign Secre-

tary who states in bold and uncom-

promising terms both that this Gov-

ernment will adopt a much harsher

line towards countries which do not

respect human rights and that our for-

eign policy must support the demands

of other people for the democratic

rights on which we insist ourselves

This should be good news for mil-

lions of people in Sudan, where the

illegal fundamentalist regime of Gen-

eral Omer al Bashir has been oppress-

ing the Nuba and the Southern Suda-

nese since 1989, and where civil war

Many of us who have been trying to

ersuade the Foreign Office for years

to do more to bring pressure on the

Sudanese Government will rejoice

that at last we have a Government

which firmly intends to take effective

action to achieve peace and combat

poverty through the United Nations.

Yours faithfully

RANALD BOYLE

906 Beatty House.

Dolphin Square, SWI.

District Commissioner,

Southern Sudan, 1948-53),

has been endemic for decades.

(report, May 13; letters, May 19).

Wythenshawe, 1964-97;

From Mr Ranaid Boyle

This and the previous Govern-

Pentagon and more widely. Yet it was

tuency chairmen (report, May 21) is

little short of insulting.

However, since it is also essential for the leader to enjoy the support of the parliamentary party I would suggest a two-stage process. The first would be the endorsement of potential candidates by the parliamentary party, with only those getting the support of 20 per cent or more of his or her colleagues being entitled to be included in the second stage, which would be a postal ballot of the entire registered membership of the party.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY WIGRAM Chairman, Conservative Action for Electoral Reform, 1974-85), Highfield House, 4 Woodfall Street, SW3. May 21.

Let's not go on doing things by halves.

From Mr Ronald M. Godfrey

Sir, At this moment, although it might not be true at other phases of the parliamentary cycle, the Conservative Party has available a college of elec-tors for their new leader that, by definition, must represent the whole of their membership. It is the list of their candidates at the general election. whether successful or not.

Surely some easy and immediate way could be found of taking the vote of that college, or at least of utilising it to confirm, or otherwise, the decision made by their smaller number of elected MPs.

Yours faithfully, RONALD M. GODFREY. 17 East Hill, Oxted, Surrey. May 18.

From Lord Deramore

Sir, Your MORI opinion poll (May 16) reveals that Kenneth Clarke is "the overwhelming favourite" of 27 per cent of Conservative voters to become leader of the revived Conservative Party. It shows also that 73 per cent do not favour his leadership; 52 per cent favouring another candidate, 14 per cent being undecided and the remainder regarding none of the candidates as worthy of support.

This, surely, is a powerful argument for resolving the divisions within the party countrywide before rather than after the election of a new leader.

The installation of a caretaker leader would enable cool and rational consideration of the many problems dividing the party, which are not solely about Europe, though that must be the major bone of contention.

To elect a leader now with the support of less than 30 per cent of the party's supporters would be a guaranice that new Labour would be reelected in 2002.

DERAMORE, Heslington House. Aislaby, Pickering, Yorkshire. May lo.

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir. In seeking to come to terms with their disastrous defeat at the polls on May 1, the Conservatives seem to have lost their approade for everything except hara-kiri.

The contenders for the Tory crown in opposition - or should one call it at best a coronet - and their individual supporters and opponents at Westminster have resorted to a level of internecine abuse which exceeds any attacks made on any of them by their political foes during the election cam-

Worse still the contenders for the leadership have admitted that the only policy issue on which they can unite is a futile opposition to the windfall tax (letter, May 17), which good or bad was a central plank in new Labour's manifesto so decisively endorsed by a clear majority of the elec-

Yours etc. FREDERIC BENNETT (Conservative MP, 1951-87), Plas Cwmllecoediog. Aberangell. Nr Machynileth, Powys. May 19.

Financial education

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of UMIST

Sir. With the announcement of a major shake-up in the regulation of the financial services industry (reports and leading article, May 21) it is important to remember that there are groups and individuals who are committed to a serious educational effort to raise consumer awareness about personal finance matters. Whatever the nature of the regulatory controls on the financial services industry. consumers who are knowledgeable about saving and investing, retirement planning, borrowing and insuring against risk are better protect-

ed that those who are not. In a partnership approach to personal finance education, the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) and 12 leading financial services institutions and the Building Societies Association are

supporting a totally independent consumer finance education centre based at, and under the control of UMIST.

This centre, which is formally launched tomorrow, will produce independent, impartial and unbranded teaching resources, and provide the necessary academic support. This includes research to justify possible changes in the National Curriculum for schools and the development of

We do not regard this initiative as a soft option for the financial services industry, which retains the fundaresponsibility to develop straightforward, easily understood products and services which give good value and meet genuine consumer

Yours etc. R. F. BOUCHER. Principal and Vice-Chancellor, UMIST. PO Box 88. Manchester M60 IOD. May 2l.

Quality of TV

From Mr Bernard Dunstan

Sir. My confidence in the BBC's present direction may not be increased by the Chief Executive of BBC Broadcast's use of English in his letter of May 12

In only 26 lines he manages to include a bewildering variety of metaphor. Starting with a "house of many mansions", which has a "door that opens" and admits "fresh incoming talent on the counterswing", he goes on to bring in that popular image of the raft: "the raft of success ... achieved by close teamwork". The raft does not seem too seaworthy, for the gap between ITV and the BBC has been "stabilised" and "narrowed"; but "awards have flooded in".

Is he retaining a seafaring image in the next line, where, alarmingly, rivals "raid our talent locker"? However, it is nice to know that the BBC is, in spite of this, "being refreshed at every level".

Yours faithfully. BERNARD DUNSTAN, 10 High Park Road. Kew, Richmond, Surrey. May 14.

From Mr Frazer Wright

Sir, As he and his wife channel-hop in search of something worth watching Dr Geoffrey Rivett (letter, May 14) laments the lack of a public broadcasting service in Britain.

May I remind him that we already have such a service, with the majority of us forced to provide a "donation" of £1.75 per week. That this service was largely unwatchable, even before a new wave of "dumbing down" was apparently decreed, is neither here nor there. We viewers have no say whatsoever in the conduct or content of the

Could not the new Government deprive the BBC of much of the licence fee, thus forcing it to compete in attracting paid advertisements instead of the endless puffs for BBC books, BBC videos, other BBC programmes and, all too often, the BBC

The proceeds could then be used to fund the sort of genuine public broadcasting service Dr and Mrs Rivett. and many more of us, would prefer.

Yours faithfully, FRAZER WRIGHT. Croftholme, Tithe Laithe, Hoyland, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Blinded by science

From the Reverend Brian Taylor, FSA Sir, Your report on the sale of the Roll-

right Stones (May 13) mentions the tradition that those of them within the circle cannot be counted "because you never can tell which one you started In earlier years it was reckoned that

the confusion was caused by local fairies. On July 24, 1946, the day after finishing our higher school certificate papers, a friend and I went to see the stones. I resisted the magic by counting them first clockwise and then anticlockwise. The result each time was the same -73 stones.

Yours truly. BRIAN TAYLOR. 253 Worplesdon Road. Guildford, Surrey. May 13.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Sense of smell

From Mr Kevin Gibbin and Mr Nick Jones

Sir, Contrary to the impression given in your Medical Briefing, "Currie's taste may suffer after nose job" (May 12), loss of sense of smell is common with many forms of nasal disease and is often made better rather than worse by nasal surgery. It frequently reflects a disorder in the lining of the nose, and commonly responds to appropriate medical treatment: but surgery can also help, particularly where nasal polyps are present.

We anticipate no adverse effect on Mrs Edwina Currie's ability to appreciate and taste fine food and wine.

Yours faithfully, KEVIN GIBBIN, NICK JONES (Consultants). Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Queen's Medical Centre, University Hospital, Nottingham.

Reminiscences on Laurie Lee's life

From Mr James Lancaster

Sir, Laurie Lee's tale of schoolgirls visiting the village of Slad to seek him out (obituary, May 15) reminded me of when my elder daughter was reading Cider with Rosie for O level.

She and her younger sister with two other friends simply walked into his garden unannounced through an unlocked gate, to find the exalted author and his wife with a small table set out for afternoon tea.

After a few minutes, I was called in to take a photograph of my daughter standing proudly beside Laurie Lee, against the background of the same wall and rising landscape beyond that appeared in the photograph accompanying your obituary. He also went in the house for his camera, saying how he liked to keep a record of

When my daughter wrote a letter to thank him for his kindness and consideration, he replied: "I usually keep my gate locked on Sunday afternoons. but I'm glad I didn't on this occasion as it was a pleasure meeting such an attractive and intelligent young lady. as well as your family and friends."

It was a day of late summer to be ever remembered. I am. yours faithfully. JAMÉS LANCASTÉR, Franciscus, 20 Russell Square, Chorley, Lancashire.

From Mr Christopher J. McManus

Sir, Your obituary of Laurie Lee told the bitter aweet tale of Laurie going unrecommed in his own village of Slad — "Excuse us, could you tell us where Laurie Let is haried?"

There was however one occasion on which he was recognised. As Laurie told us himself at the

Chelsea Arts Club one evening: "As I was walking down to the village pub i was approached by a little girl of about 9 or 10 who asked me if I were Laurie Lee. I said that I was, whereupon she said: 'Were it you what wrote that poem teacher made us learn by 'eart?' I said with modest pride: 'Yes, I expect so.' The girl, taking careful and deliberate aim. then kicked me feroclously on both shins before running off as fast as her little legs could carry her."

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER J. McMANUS, Chelsea Arts Club. 143 Old Church Street, SW3. May 15.

From Mr J. J. Rissen

Sir. Your excellent obituary of Laurie Lee quotes him on the birth of his daughter as writing of "a late fall into my life, laying purple and demented like a little bruised plum". What he actually wrote, in The First Born (Hogarth Press, 1964), was "a late full in my life, and lay purple and dented like a little bruised plum".

Lee would not have been amused by your misprint. And the haby's name. according to the book's dedication. was Jesse, not Jessy.

Yours sincerely. J. J. RISSEN. 25 Webbers. Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset. May 15.

From Mr Anthony Franklin

Sir, About twenty five years ago the late Laurie Lee was amongst distinguished guests at the Stock Exchange annual summer dinner. As a member of the council at that time I escorted him in to dinner, and found him a most convivial suest. However, during the speeches I noticed the chairman was directing a piercing glance of anxiety in my direction, and I then realised that Mr Lee was rising - a little unsteadily perhaps — to his feet

In the ensuing silence he recited, to the best of my recollection, the following lines:

have no stocks or shares, no stocks or shares at all, But I've a David Hockney. inging on my wall

He sat down to a round of applause and proceedings returned to normal. Yours etc.

ANTHONY FRANKLIN, Hill House, 8 Breedons Hill, Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Hogging the road

From Sir Nicholas Barrington

Sir, As an extension of the "man in the middle" concept (letters, May 6, 7, 8, 12), one of the most experienced ambassadors under whom I served. Sir John Pilcher, used to say, with some justification: "One's predecessors have no taste; one's successors have no judgment."

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BARRINGTON. 2 Banhams Close, Cambridge.

Technical assistance

From Mr John Grant

Sir, Isn't using an electronic gadget to help finish a crossword (letter, May 17) rather like going out jogging for exercise and coming back by taxi?

Yours sincerely, JOHN GRANT. Pendle, 17 Stone Road, Bromley, Kent.





COURT CIRCULAR

arrived at Edinburgh Airport and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligam)
His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dunner given by the Conquistadores del Ciela Aviation Society at Edinburgh Castle.

May 21: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Chilling Export Council, this morning altended the Annual General Meeting

and Lunckeon at the Landmark Lundon Hutel, Marylehone Road,

London NWI.

Her Royal Highness, President,
Women's Royal Naval Service
Benevolent Trust, this alternoon at-

fended the Annual General Meeting at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. The Princess Royal, Patron. Bridsh

Executive Services Overseas, this evening attended a Gala Dinner to celebrate the Eighth World Conference of Senior Executive Services of Management Court Pales.

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 21: The Prince of Wales, Colonel

May 21: The Prince of Wales, Colone-in-Chaef. The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Faut), this morning received Leutenant-Colonel Martin Davles upon relinquishing his app nument as Commanding Officer 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenemant Colonel Henry Eagan

upon assuming the appointment.
His Royal Highness this afternoon received the Sheikh of al-Azhar.

May 21: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Cambridgeshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-

was necessed by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr James Crowden). His Royal Highness opened the new Magnetic Resonance Scanner Unit at Edith Cavell Hospital and afterwards opened new buildings at Walton Comprehensive School, Peterborough, in the aftermoon The Duke of Gloucester visited the Farm-land Museum, Waterbeach, and offerwards as Cammissioner, Eng-

afterwards, as Compussioner, Enc.

lish Heritage, visited Denny Abbey, Cambridge, Later His Royal High-

and finally opened the Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre and the Neuro Critical Care Unit at Addenbrooke's

YOR HOUSE May 21: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited Elstree School, Woolhampton, Reading, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutemant of Berkshire (Mr Philip

Wroughton).

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chair
His Royal Highness, Vice-Chair
Board, this evening attended a Recuption to mark the retirement of Sir

Brian Pearse (Chairman of the Consmittee of South Africa Trade; at St James Court Hotel. Buckingham

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 21: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Bath Street Centre of Arnold and Carlion Coll-

ege. Nortingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nutringhamshire (Sir Andrew Bu-

chanan, Btj. Her Royal Highness, Vice-Presi-dent of the British Red Cross Society.

later opened the new Headquarters of the Nottinghamshire Branch in Great Freeman Street, Nottingham.

Affairs, was the host at a dinner

given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at I Carlton Gardens

in honour of Mr Chris Patten,

The Manorial Society of Great

Members of the Governing Coun-

cil of the Manorial Society of Great Britain held a dinner last night at

the Carlton Club, to mark the

retirement from the Governing Council of Sir Colin Cole, a former

Garter Principal King of Arms. Mr

Robert Smith, chairman of the

society, presided. Those present

were:
The Earl of Onslow, Lord Sudgles, Mr
Desmond de Silva, QC, and Princes
Ratanna of Yugoslavia, Mr de Silva,
Mr and Mr Nirj Deva, Mr Cecil
Humphory-Smith, Miss Margarita
Kelleft, and Mrs C.L. Robinson.

Governor of Hong Kong.

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ness visited the Emmaus Comms

NHS Trust, Cambridge.

YORK HOUSE

Gate, London Swi.

Dinners

KENSINGTON PALACE

ai Hampiim Court Palace,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 21: His Excellency Mr Junus Elfendi Habibie and Mrs Habibie were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Indonesia to the Court of

St James's.
Major Sir Philip Duncombe Bt was received by Her Majesty and delin-ered up his Stick of Office upon his retirement as Harburger of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at

Major Mervyn Colenso Jones was his Stick of Office upon his appoint-ment as Harbinger of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms. Her Mujests, Patom, the Royal

British Legion, received Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton upon relinquish-ing his appointment as President and Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin upon

arr Marshal Sir Moger Assim sposi assuming the appointment. The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Weich Fusiliers, received Ma-jur General Morgan Llewellyn (for-mer Colonel) and Brigadier David Ross (Colonel). The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Miss Glynne Esans (the Republic of Chile)

and Mr David Wright (the State of (Joseph Wright was also received by

Mrs Wright was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr James Duly was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of

Mauritius.

Mrs Daly was also received by Her Majesty. Mr Thorold Masefield was received in audience by The Queen and kived hands upon his appointment as Concerner and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda Mrs Massfield was also received

the Her Majesty
The Duke of Edinburgh. Senior
Fellow, Royal Academy of Engineering, this marning attended the Opening Session of the Twelfth Council of Academies of Engineering and Techningical Sciences Convocation at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Edinburgh,
Highness, Honorary
Cormorant, Cormorant Club, this
afternron visited the John Service
Defence College, Greenwich, London

SEIO.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening visited the Docklands Equestrian Centre, Claps Gate Lane.
Beckton, London E6. May 31: The Duke of York this minning arrived at Heathrow Air-port, London, from the United States

of America. Captain Neil Blair was in artendunce.
His Royal Highness, Putron.
Swordfish Heritage Trust, later visited British Aerospace Brough to
mark the transfer to the Trust of a resurred Sea Fury aircraft by British Aen.space and was received by Her Alajesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the East

Riding of Yorkshire (Mr Richard arrion). The Duke of York this afternoon

Lord MacFarlane of Bearsden. Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scot-

land and Lady Macfarlane gave a

dinner last night at the Palace of

Holyrondhouse. Among those

Holyroidhouse. Among those present were: The Earl and Countess of Mansfield and Mansfield. Sir Donald Maclean, the ker, Rev James and Dr Anne weatherhead, Mr Angus Grosser, Wr and Mrs Gerald Wilson, the High Commissioner for Lesono. Mr and Mrs Cuble, Mr and Mrs Lobe, Mr and Mrs Marnov Linkhare. Mr and Mrs Andrew Reskle and the Very Rev Hugh and Mrs Wylle.

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engagements

The Queen will present new Col-ours to the Irish Guards at Windsor Castle at 3.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Pa-

Today's royal

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tron, will preside at a meeting and give a luncheon for the Outward Bound Council at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and as President. Westminster Abbey Trust, will preside at a trustees meeting at the Abbey at 4.00. Later, as Patron of the Royal Philanthropic Society, he will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.25.

The Duke of York, as Honorary Air Commodore, will visit Royal Air Force Lossiemouth, at 11.00. The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a council meeting at Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane. Camberwell, London SE5 at 11.30; and as Patron, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, will attend the school's annual vice presidents meeting and dinner at Commer-cial Union Assurance Company,

London EC3 at 6.30. Princess Margaret, as President, The Guide Association, will attend the annual meeting at Common wealth Headquarters, Buckingham Pulace Road, and at Guildhall, at 2.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new Centre at Heronsbridge School, Ysgol Pen-y-Bont. Bridgend, at 11.10; will visit Pen-y-Dre School, Merthyr Tydfil at 2.00; and as Commandant-in-Chief St John Ambulance Wales will open a new ambulance hall in Aberdare at 3.00. Later, as Patron, the Westminster Society, will at-tend the annual meeting at the Royal United Services Institution.

Whitehall, at 6,00. The Duke of Kent, as Royal Parron, will attend a fund-raising dinner for the Help Poland Fund at Blenheim Palace at 8.30 The Duchess of Kent, as Patron-in-Chief, will launch the Christie's

Against Cancer appeal, at the Christie NHS Trust, Wilmslow Road, Manchester at 2.00. Princess Alexandra will open the new Research and Education Building at the Chelsea Physic Garden at 4.50; and will attend the annual dinner of the Royal Acaderny of Arts at Burlington House. at 7.35.

Memorial service

His Honour John Streeter The Master of the Rolls gave an address at a service of thanks-giving for the life of His Honour John Streeter, former circuit judge, held yesterday at All Salnts Church, Maidstone, The Rev Christopher Morgan-Jones official against the Right Bart ated, assisted by the Right Rev David Say.
Dr Graham Streeter and His

Honour Judge David Griffiths read the lessons. Ms Heather Hollett, QC, gave an address, Members of the judiciary, fam-ily and many friends and coleagues were among those present.

Lord Harvington

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Harvington will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, July 3, 1997, All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets. for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 3, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL enclosing a stamped first class) addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from June 23.

Father Michael Hollings

A memorial concert in aid of the Father Michael Hollings Centre will be held at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London, W2, on Sunday, May 25, at 3,30pm, Details and tickets: First Call 0171 420 0000. A brilliant cast and gorgeous classical music.



The Duke of York, Patron, Swordfish Heritage Trust, in the cockpit of a completely restored Sea Fury aircraft he received yesterday on behalf of the Royal Navy Historic Flight from British Aerospace in Brough. East Yorkshire

Britannia Royal Naval College

SUB LIEUTENANT -

Royal Navy, new entries, May 1997 entry
The following candidates have been declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Daremouth

ENGINEERING

M J McCabe, Uplands School, Poole,
Bournemouth Crammar, Poole College of Further Education, Buth
University: M R Ruston, Queens
School, University of Birmingham,
University of Liverpool; M L Thomson, Heaton Manor School, University of Manchester (UMIST). Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:
Direct Graduate Entry
SUB LIEUTENANT - WARFARE
Miss J E Burton, West Kirby Grammar School, Birkenhead VI Form
College, Plymouth University: S R
Bembridge, Winaringham School,
Franklin VI Form College, Plymouth
University: E N Chacksfield, Solihull
School, Exeter University: Miss N J
Colin-Thome, Fredsham High
School, Abbey Tutorial College,
London School of Economics: A J
Collins, The Lindsey School, Cleethorpes, Trunscoe School, Liverpool
University: A C Cooney, Nottingham
Bluecost School, Coventry University: M J Cox, St Mary's College,
Southampton, Richard Taumton College, Southampton, Richard Taumton College, Southampton, Thames Valley
University: J P Delf, Arle High
School, East Norfolk VI Form College, University of London; M P J
Densham, Cambridge University:
Miss B. Densitals Schools School, Single University. SUB LIEUTENANT - ENGINEER-ING (TM) M D Clarke, Torpoint High School, Bay House School, Gosport, St Vincent VI Form College, London University. Treat University. SUB LIEUTENANT - SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT Miss J E A Alden - St Cyres School Southampton University, Oxford University; J S Collacott, Lancaster Boys School, Brooke House VI Form College, Ratelife College, University College London; P J Coyle, St Michael's RC College, Woodhouse, North Denty PC VI

ege. University of London; M P J
Densham. Christ's Hospital,
Horsham. Cambridge University;
Miss P L Downing, St Monica's RC
School, Manchester, Lorento VI Form
College, Salford College of Further
Education. Southampton Institute; M
J Downs, Ught Hall School. Solihull
VI Form College, Loughborough
University; R J R Hay, Tasker
Milward VC, Haverfordwest, University of Wales: D N McDonald, The
Aytesford School, Warwick. Middlesex University: G J McGowan,
Horsforth School, Nottingham Trent
University: Miss R J Methuish,
Plymouth High School, Plymouth
College, Birmingham University: PG
Monachello, Queen Margart Academy, Ayr. Glasgow University, Paisley University: A T Norgate, Southway College, Plymouth, University of
Wales, Bangor; J O'Nelll, Cardigan
Secondary School, Bolton Institute of
Higher Education: D P Pang, Queen
Elizabeth Grammar School, Horncastle, University of London; Miss A
E Pollard, The Lady Eleanor Holles
School, Hampton, University College,
London: B D T Ravenscroft, Bohunt
School, Liphook, Allon College,
Farnhoroush College, Swansen SUB LIEUTENANT - AIRCREW
N J Arkle, Ramelagh School, University of Wales. Swanses: J M Ashlin, Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Liverpool University: S A H Baldie, Swanmore Secondary School, Burton Peveril VI Porm College. Buth University: N J E Bensle, Brighton College. Cranleigh School, Excer University: J J M Blewitt, Monmouth School, University of St Andrews: L F Brazier. Cramlington Community High School, Newcastle Royal Gramman-School, Edinburgh University: T J Cowin, Cranleigh School, Plymouth University: K N Drodge, Schmouth Community College, Bath University: A W Pelters, Burnley College, Loughborough University: A W

School, Liphook, Alton College, Famborough College, Swansea University: S J P Rogers, Seaford

University: S J P Rogers, Senford Head School, University of Wales, Lampeter; A Smith, Newminster County Middle School, King Edward VI School, University College, University of Durham: D A Timms, Chipping Sodbuzy School, University of Wales, College of Cardiff; A R Towns, King Edward VI Grammar School, Wye College, London University: G R Willis, Westlands School VI Form, University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Wagner, com-BIRTHS: Richard Wagner, com-poser, Leipzig, 1813; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Edinburgh, 1859; Dan-iel François Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa 1948-54, creatur of apartheid, Richeeck, Cape Colony, 1874; Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, min-ing Industrialist, Ernithers. ing Industrialist, Freidberg, Germany, 1990: Laurence Olivier, neny. 1990: Laurenc

Harriey, Onlinam School, University of Phynouth, University of Wales; D I fillifie, Trinity School, Notte, University of Wales; G S Johnston, Harris Academy School, University of Aberdeen: A S Johnston, Lancing College, Manchesser University; G Baron Olivier, actor and first director of the National Theatre, Dorking,

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Instrumental Bursaries: H.W. Faith (Branscote School, Scarbornogh); A.J. Moss (Herra Nova); C.S. Lloyd (Abberley Hall).

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University College School A Reunion for Old Gowers who left UCS in the years 1946 to 1965 and 1981 to 1990 will be held at the and 1951 to 1990 will be need at the School on Sunday, hime 22, 1997. Members of the teaching staff during those years will also be present Further details and tickets: may be obtained from The Bursar, University College School, Fregnal, Hampstead, London NWS 6XII. Telephone 0171 794

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The Foundation for Human Potential Mrs Jack Steinberg, Founder and Chairman of The Foundation for Moman Potential, was the bost at a function, held at Cromwell Hos-

pital on Wednesday, May 21. Arnoog those present were:
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Counters of Westmorland, Labor
Caroline Faber, Laby Chalifont, the
Hon Mrs Townsley, the Hon David
Semstein, Sir Michael Heron and
Mr Donald Kahn.

Service dinner

RAF Innominate Club Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin Charman of the RAF Innominate Club, presided at the 50th anniver-sary dinner held last night at the RAF Club.

Birthdays today

Mr. Konsy Bell, trampetic, 65; Mr. Arthur Bennett, former UK director. Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 70. Mr. George Best, footballer, 51; Miss Cheryl Campbell, actress, 48; Mr. Menzies Campbell, QC. MP. St. Viennett Dimension, 71; the Biglet Dec.

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BIRTHS

SESSINGTON - On 19th May at The Portland Hospital, to Julia and Robert, a son, Jack David William, a brother for

COWDRAY - On May 17th at The Forthand Hospital, to Marina, The Viscounters Cowdray and The Viscount Cowdray, a son, Montague Orlando William Pearson, a brother for Elize, Emily, Eartica and Pearsons,

GAINTLETT - To Stephen and Rose. In Kinga Lyan Hospital, a lovely daughter, Naomi Rose who came in to a safe landing on Zist May

LEY GREAVES - On May 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Sun (née Hilm) and Bruce, a daughter, Jenna. MONAGHAN - On May 18th to Ere Davies and Paul

NEWLARDS - On 18th May 1997 at The Portland Hospital. London, to Monique (noe Preview) and

PAVEY - On 15th May at The Fortland Mospital, to Sally and Ron, a son, journian Douglas, a brother for

RAMESAY - On May 8th 1997, to John and Debble, a daughter, Grace Helens, a system for Eddal, Alexander

SYRES - On May 13th 1997 at home in St Albans, to Stephanie (see Green) and Seu jamin, a son, Oliver james Donald, a brother for

DEATHS CANTELL - Wendy, suddenly at her home in Stanton, Gloucestershire, on May 20th, 1997, aged 79 years. Loving and much loved mother of Muli and Bruce, nother in law of Dunise and grandsothey of john, Dissect Lawley and Dunise and Funney, Lewis and Dunise. Rismon, Inshel and Deserm. Funeral Service at 3t Michael's Church, Stanton on Thursday, May 29th at 11am followed by cemation at Cheltenham. Family flowers only please, Donations, if desired, for Ruish Heart Foundation to Philip Tomifas Ltd., 36, The Leys. Evesham, Worsz. WE11 5AP.

Campaci - Jean Melville (nee Ackery) on 14th May 1997, at Woodlands, Eirkoudbright, Wife of Dr. Keith Campbell, lately of Newark on Treat, and mother of Jennifer and Million.

CHAPMAN - Gladys on 17th May at home peacefully aged 86. deeply loved by her children Susan, julian and john and her grandchildren Florence, Claire, Annabel, Paul, David and Timot Faul, David and Timothy Funeral et St Mary's Church Charibury, at 2.15 pm Friday May 23rd. Family flower only please and any enquiries to 2. Taylor & Sun. (01993) 842421.

MEMEVIX TREMCH - Richard died suddanly at home May 17th. Much loved husband of jo. father of Jack, Alex and

CHRYSTAL - Mary of Great Oakley, on May 15th, Formerly Head of Regish at Hirchia Girls Grimbaur School and Departy Head of The Swah School and South East Sesex Sixth Form College Flowers or domainm to the CSTCL or RELL to Paskell Funeral

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COMBE - On May 202h suddenly at home Molly, beloved wife of Pat and mother of Thu and Lindy and devoted grandmother of Victoria, Glies, Sachal, Mark, Parrick, Wendy and Jomethess and great-grandmother of Partick, Wendy and Jonsthan and great-grandfacture of James and Zuckury. Funezal at Framfield Church at 2 30pm, Wednesday May 28th. Family Howers only please. Donations if desired to Sussak Red Cross c/o Cooper & Song Rose Cottage, New York, Ucanal, Science.

DOUGLAS - Betty on May 14th.
Wife of the late Andrew
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Enquiries to Peter Taylor
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EWING - Vice Admiral Sir' Alester Ewing ERF, CR, DSC, died peacefully at Setton : Manor on May 19th 1997 . Released beneford of Anne : neigred Resplant of accep-and Enlays of David, Funess, Service at All Saints Church, Odiham, at 11.30 am on Tuesday May 27th. No November but desations may be sent to Odiham Cottage Hospital, Hampeldys.

PERGUSON DAWE - On May 19th, Sir Antony, 6th St. Funeral to be arranged. Enquiries to WS. Bond (0181) 748-3185.

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81 years, peaced away at home 18th May 1977, dearly beloved husband of Vi. Interest of Howard and Christise, father-balaw of Trevot and Linda, grandfather of Robert, Joanna, Daniel, Lina, Lubra and Georgina, Funeral Welfow Society. Dutalle of Inspire, having father of Colors, Michael and Sarvice to be held at West Restrict to The Estitish and Georgina, Funeral Sarvice to be held at West Restrict to Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors and Sarvice to De held at West Restrict Colors Colors and Sarvice Restrict Colors Co

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JOSES - John Margery aged 82 at St Thomas's Hospital on 15th May 1997. Service and increases a few Lumon Cormatorists, Rowan Read, 5W16, Taseday 27th May at 1.45 pm. Bonations to St Thomas's Rospital. Enquiries to Dowsett & Jankins, 7 Sumyhill Road, Strathess, 5W16 27th ve-

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SHARP SETHENE - Alexander Martiand "Derry" BT, upod 85 years, peacefully at home on May 20th 1997. Dearly leved by his wife Mary and his daughter Locy. Private Cremation on Thursday May 29th at Horthalm, followed by Service of Thunkagiring at St Columba's Church, Pont Spect, SWI at 11 am. Family flowers unly. Donations, if degined, to Marie Curie Nurses, 28

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Professor Campbell Stewart, former Vice-Chancellor of Keele University, died on April 23 aged 81. He was born on December 17. 1915.

t was both tragic and fitting that. Campbell Stewart should have died on a visit to the Keele L campus where he had spent lmost thirty years, first as Professor of iducation at the infant University college of North Staffordshire, and hen from 1967 as the second Vice-Thancellor of the University of Keele. As a scholar, he wrote widely and with listinction on the "progressive" move-different in education. As a university administrator, building on the initia-tive of Keele's founder Lord Lindsay. he played a vital and imaginative role in establishing an innovative new institution of higher education.

William Alexander Campbell Stew-"art was born in Glasgow and brought up a London Scot, attending Colfe's Grammar School and then going to University College as an exhibitioner, in 1934. University College London honoured him with a Fellowship in

He came to a professorship at Keele at the age of 34, having already had considerable educational experience first as English master and housemaster at Priends' School in Saffron Walden, and then at the progressive Abbotsholme School in Derbyshire, on whose governing body he served between 1960 and 1980. After an assistant lectureship in education at the (then) University College of Nottingham, and a lectureship at the University College of Wales in Cardiff. he was among the first group of professors to be appointed to the North Staffordshire College by Lord Lindsay in 1950.

There he was responsible for setting up the course for the Concurrent Certificate in Education, whereby a Keele undergraduate could qualify for a Bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate on completion of the Keele four-year course. This put Keele graduates on equal terms with their contemporaries from other universities who had taken a duree-year degree course followed by a postgraduate year for the teaching certificate. In the early years this departure from standard academic practice elsewhere attracted a high proportion of intending teachers to

After the death of the second principal, Sir George Barnes, in 1960,



Campbell Stewart was acting principal of the University College. He was responsible for hosting the ceremonies associated with the tenth anniversary, which included a visit from the Queen Mother, accompanying Princess Margaret, who was president of the college, in May 1961. His obvious qualities as a leader during those months made such an impression that on the retirement in 1967 of Harold Taylor (Barnes's eventual successor as Principal of the University College and subsequently the first Vice-Chancellor of the new university). Stewart's colleagues were happy to entrust their future to one of their own.

It was a fortunate choice. Keele suffered the common fate of universities in the turbulent years of the student troubles from 1969 to 1971 - on one occasion a group of students tried to levinue the Vice-Chancellor's residence by humming — but Stewart's calm and

in North Staffordshire and brought some distinguished practitioners to the area. He highly valued his Deputy Lieutenantey of the County of Stafford. Nationally he was a respected member of the Committee of Vice-Chancelfors and Principals and was the secretary of a group within the committee, which endeavoured to modernise its procedures. In earlier years he had been a fine rugby player, but an attack of polio in

hanced the quality of medical provision

1954 left him with a permanently withered arm. His zeal for the game was, however, undiminished and his office closed early on the afternoon of the televised Varsity match. He was a champion of modern art, music and theatre, attracting the composer Peter Dickinson to Keele as its first Professor of Music. His Gulbenkian Fellows in Fine Art left a legacy of modern works to the Keele campus.

Stewart wrote extensively on progressive education. His first book The Quakers and Education (1953) was a reworking of his 1947 PhD thesis, and this was followed by a two-volume study of progressive education. The Educational Innovators. He contributed to an understanding of educational theory in his Introduction to the Sociology of Education which he wrote with Karl Mannheim, and his final work, which he published in 1989 after retirement as Professorial Fellow at the University of Sussex - was Higher Education in Postwar Britain.

He was a devoted attender at services in the Keele chapel, which was one of the cornerstones of Lindsay's concept, and a knowledgeable participant in interviews for chaplains to the university. Until his death he was a trustee of the Higher Education Foundation which grew out of the SCM University Teachers' Group, and he reviewed regularly for its journal, Reflections. He had visiting professor-ships at the University of California in Los Angeles and at McGill University

Stewart was careful, courteous and kindly. To his great credit, his patience remained to the end undiminished, his optimism undimmed and his faith in Keele and what Lindsay stood for, unshaken. Lindsay's old gown hung in his office, but his was not a slavish adherence to everything that Lindsay

had begun. In 1947 Campbell Stewart married Ella Burnett, of Edinburgh, who survives him with their son and

BRIGADIER J. F. M. MELLOR

Brigadier J. F. M. Mellor, CBE, Director of Technical Training and Inspector of Boys Training for the Army, 1966-69, died on April 24 aged 84. He was born on June 6. 1912.

IN THE aftermath of the Dunkirk evacuation, in which he took part, Derick Mellor the disliked Frederick as being "too German") was involved in the formation of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Éngineers (REME), a corps which was to play such an important role in repairing transport and fighting vehi-cles in the Western Desert and afterwards. Before the war he had been deeply involved in the development of military technical training, especially in wireless and, later, radar. James Frederick McLean

Mellor was himself the son of an Army officer. He was educated at Radley and the Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers at Faraday House. In 1936 he joined the Army as an ordnance mechanical engineer. Many units were changing over from relying on horses at that time and, as an engineer officer attached to the 12th Lancers, he helped the regiment to convert to armoured cars.

After the outbreak of war in 1939 he went to France on the headquarters staff of Lord Gort commander of the British Expeditionary Force, Following the retreat of the BEF to Dunkirk he was evacuated on June 1, 1940, and brought back to Dover on an ex-lisle of Man ferry.

From 1941 he was involved in the formation of REME, which became one of the most important logistic corps in the British Army. This was certainly the case when the wearand-tear on tanks, armoured cars and trucks became so critical during the fighting in North Africa. The task of keeping all vehicles in fighting trim was handed over to the new corps, which put a premium on REME training. In the run-up to D-Day Mellor was made senior instructor of the Armoured Fighting Wing of the REME training centre at Arborfield, Berkshire.

But he did not take part in

the Normandy landings themselves. On D-Day he was on his way to the Far East, to join Field Marshal Slim's 14th Army in Burma as deputy to the senior electrical and mechanical engineer officer there. For his work in maintaining the 14th Army's vehicles in working order in the pursuit of the Japanese, he was mentioned in dispatches and appointed OBE in 1945.

In 1947 Mellor went to the War Office as GSOI, an appointment in which he was dealing with weapons policy. With the threat from the Soviet Union replacing the one just banished from Germany and Japan. Britain and America were jointly addressing the problem of rearming Germany. Mellor would have liked to see much greater standardisation of weapons. but this was not easy even with the British Forces. Each of the three individual services clung, for example, to its own preferred choice of pistol — the Army liked its 38, the RAF wanted something much lighter while the Navy loved the .45. whose heavy butt could be used as a club in

hand-to-hand fighting. Among his later postwar appointments were those of senior REME officer at British 1st Corps in Germany, and of in 1987. He is survived by their Brigadier Administration and

Quartering Command at York.

In his final appointment at the Ministry of Defence he chaired a committee on technical training whose members visited the Armed Forces of other countries to compare methods of cost containment. Their final report so im-pressed the Defence Secretary of the day, Denis Healey, that he asked that Mellor, who had reached the retirement age for a brigadier, should stay on to put it into effect. The post of Director of Technical Training was created for him and he was advanced to CBE in 1964. In retirement Mellor was Norfolk County Commandant of the Army Cadet Force, 1969-72. He particularly enjoyed leading the cadet camps on Dartmoor or the North Yorkshire Moors, the more so as the 400-odd cadets who took part in them would be joined on these occusions by up to 50 boys from an Approved School, the Red House School, Buxton Norfolk. These youths, none of whom had made the most promising of starts in life, benefited greatly, often finding resources of strength. compassion and kindness within themselves from the experience of pulling together. Mellor's wife Margaret died

son and daughter.

JAMES FOX

The slippery Mafia mobster

John Gotti — "the Teflon don" — was found guilty of murder

and racketeering after Fox's

agents secretly recorded him

at his headquarters in Little

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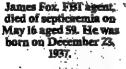
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JAMES FOX'S 31-year career as an FBI agent coincided with some of the most dramatic cases in the agency's history, including the prosecution of Mafia hoss John Gotti and the investigation into the World Trade Centre bombing.
Fox had established a con-

siderable reputation in the field of counter-espionage in Chicago and San Francisco by the time he was appointed to run the FBI office in New York. The bombing of the World Trade Centre made him a household name. Raymond Kelly, the former New York City Police Commissioner who worked with Fox on the case, remembered

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his soothingly avuncular presence. There was a lot of panic. and unease in the United States - it was the first time that we had really experienced terrorism - and he was a very calming influence."

LEGAL NOTICES

all the charges stuck," Fox said as Gotti was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was a mas-ter of the soundbite. "Another day, another don," he remarked laconically after the 1993 arrest of another leading Mafia figure.

firm hand ensured that not a single hour of teaching or examining was lost.

Brought up as a Quaker, Stewart believed in letting his colleagues have

their say. Senate meetings were delib-

erative assemblies and by no means

formal approvals of executive propos-

als. If this resulted in a break for

dinner in a Senate meeting that had

He did a great deal to broaden and

foster Keele's relations with local and

national friends and potential benefac-

tors. He knew the local pottery manu-

facturers as friends and valued and

maintained his membership of Federa-

tion House, popularly known as the Potters' Club, until his death. He also

developed warm friendships with

many local members of the medical

profession, and this informed his quest

for a medical school for Keele. One of

his abiding legacies is a Postgraduate School of Medicine which has en-

started at 2.15pm, then so be it.

James Monroe Fox was born in Chicago, the son of a bus driver. He liked to tell people that his father had chosen to name him after Jimmy Foxx, the baseball star of the 1930s and 1940s.

don is covered in Velcro, and

Fox was educated at Augustana College and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where he studied law. He joined the FBI in 1963 and became a fluent speaker of Mandarin in order to track down spies in Chicago's China

lieutenant Salvatore Town. In 1975, he moved to "The Bull" Gravano to tes- FBI headquarters in Washingand anti-terrorist sections. In 1984 he oversaw security open ations at the Los Angeles Olympic games and in 1987 he was appointed Special Agent in charge of the FBI's New York office.

He ran the office for six years and was widely admired for his relaxed style. He always kept a plaque on his wall which read: "Find a job you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life." He also proved to be an excellent communicator with the outside world and a popular and accessible bridge between the FBI and the public. As a former colleague once said: "He was good for the image of law enforcement. He reassured the public that the criminal justice system really can work." in 1993, Fox led the investigations that led to the conviction of New York State Chief Justice Sol Wachtler for stalking and threatening his

former mistress. Fox's willingness to make himself available to the media led to his suspension for inappropriate comments about a pending prosecution" in December 1993, just weeks before his scheduled retirement. He had given a television interview in which he spoke about the blowing up of the World Trade Center, even though a judge in the trial of the 15 men charged with the bombing had ordered officials to maintain silence.

After his retirement in 1994, Fox became an executive vicepresident for the Mutual of America Life Insurance Сотралу.

He is survived by his wife Elaine and two daughters.

LADY RUSSELL

Lady Russell, painter and widow of the Conservative MP Sir Ronald Russell, died on May 14 aged 91. She was born on April 26, 1906.

A MEMBER of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, Ena Russell painted bright impressionistic pictures of rural and urban landscapes - often from unusual viewpoints - as well as producing studies of flowers and still life

assemblages.
Often she would retire for weeks on end to her studio in Provence, where she lived on boiled eggs and fruit cake, giving all her attention to her canvases. Her work was exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Paris Saion, the Royal Society of British Artists and the Royal Portrait Society. She also wrote and illustrated travel articles.

Ena Glendinning Forrester (as she was before her marriage) may well have inherited her artistic talents from her father, who was an architect. At Acton Reynald, a girls' boarding school in Shropshire, she developed her skill. It was soon to come in useful.

Although her father had won a competition to redesign Middlesbrough after the First World War, the recession pre-vented the redevelopment from ever taking taking place. Less and less building work was available to architects and the Forrester family was forced, eventually, to move from their genteel town residence into a boarding house an experience which taught Ena frugal habits and gave



her a lifelong fear of debt and perhaps a slight envy of riches. (She once disconcerted one of her St John's Wood neighbours by accosting her in the street and declaring accusingly: "I hear you are a very rich woman.")

As a a girl, required to contribute to the family finances, she started work. under the pseudonym of Ena Glen, writing and illustrating the fashion pages of the North Eastern Daily Gazette. It was while she was in the newspaper business that she met and married Ronald Russell who was working for Reuters. Ronald Russell stood for Parliament as a Conservative

candidate in 1935 and 1945

and, in 1950, won the constituency of Wembley South. He was to hold this seat for 24 years, and was knighted in 1964. His wife meanwhile devoted herself more earnestly to her painting. Domestic chores were merely a tedious distraction to her, and best swept aside.

In 1908 she organised a "Wives of Westminster" exhibition in aid of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. This continued to be her favourite charity.

She continued to paint until old age, despite failing evesight

Her husband predeceased her in 1974. She is survived by her son and daughter.

OBITUARY.

MME, CLARA SCHUMANN By the death of Mme. Schumann, which

occurred at Frankfort on the Main, on Wednesday, from paralysis, the musical world has lost, not only the ablest exponent of Robert Schumann's pianoforte music, but also perhaps the most richly gifted of all female musicians. Mme. Schumann. who had attained to a recognized position under her maiden name of Clara Wieck, was born at Leipzig, September 13, 1819, and, having studied the pianoforte under her father, the illustrious teacher, Friedrich Wieck, she made her first appearance in public rust nine years later, and rapidly made her mark as a pianist of the first rank. Schumann's romantic attachment to her was the directly inspiring cause of many of his most beautiful and individual compositions. So little smoothly did the course of their love run that an action at law was one of the incidents of their story. Married on the eve of her birthday, September 12, 1840, she was not only a most devoted wife until the time of his tragic death in July 1850, but a fellow-artist worthy in every way to help him in the interpretation of his best creations. From a period shortly before the composer's death until comparatively recently she devoted her life mainly to the work of

ON THIS DAY

May 22, 1896

Clara Schumann (1819-1896), the pianist, was

a child prodigy acclaimed all over Europe. She married Robert Schumann and became a renowned interpreter of his music and that of Brahms and Chopin. She made several highly successful visits to England.

obtaining wide recognition for his compositions. In England, where she appeared at a Philharmonic Concert for the first time but three months before Schumann's death, the task was a particularly heavy one, but in the course of years she was most amply rewarded, not so much by the heartfelt enthusiasm with which her later appearances were always greeted as by the high place ultimately accorded to Schumann's compositions in the musical world of London. Although these were peculiarly and in a special sense her own, yet she was not less

indeed, as a distinguished critic has truly said, "She was one of the greatest pianoforte players that the world has ever heard." The sonatas of Beethoven received new meaning at her hands, and in works of lighter calibre, such as the harpsichord pieces of Scarlatti, her success was complete. In the expression of the deepest and most refined emotion, in dignity of style and breadth and variety of tone, she was without rival, and her compositions, though extending only to opus 25 or thereabouts, reach a very high degree of excellence and show real poetic insight. No doubt the excessive smallness of the list of her works is due to an artistic fastidiousness and a power of self-criticism which prevented her from publishing anything not entirely repre-sentative of the power that was in her. Gradually increasing dealness caused her latterly to shun the concert platform, but her work as a teacher was almost phenomenally successful. Among her English pupils Mr. Franklin Taylor (as a teacher). Miss Fanny Davies. Miss Adeline de Lara, and Mr. Leonard Borwick (as players) are the most distinguished, and the Hoch Conservatorium at Frankfort became famous mainly through the co-operation of Mme. Schumann and her

remarkable as a player of the classics, and,

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Backbench poll is blow for Hague

Conservative MPs apparently rebuffed the party machine by choosing as their backbench leader a prominent rightwinger who is against giving activists a vote in next month's leadership election.

Sir Archibald Hamilton was elected as the chairman of the 1922 Committee, whose executive will today decide the timing and format of the leadership contest

'DAs' will have to explain decisions

■ The powers of 42 American-style district attorneys who will be responsible for prosecutions in their areas were outlined as part of the Government's radical revision of the prosecution service. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said that the Crown Prosecution Service will be reorganised so that a chief crown

Crash banned

A film which explores the supposed sexual allure of mutilated car crash victims was banned by Westminster Council. David Cronenberg's Crash, inspired by J.G. Ballard's 1970s novel, will not be screened in London's West

Mines destroyed

All anti-personnel landmines held by the British Army are to be destroyed by 3005 and their use until then has been suspended. the Government said Page 2

Aid for deaf

A deaf woman yesterday won the right to claim a special benefit to help her enjoy nights our with friends or at the theatre after a landmark House of Lord's

Fatigue syndrome

Half the children unable to attend school for long periods are victims of chronic fatigue syndrome. researchers say... Ethnic mix

A growing trend towards mixed relationships shows how ethnic minorities are integrating into

British life, a report said. Page 6 Aids confrontation Janette Pink, her body ravaged by Aids and with only a brief time to

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Chimps get up to monkey business

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Female chimpanzees conduct illicit affairs unknown to their spent years watching their every move. The discovery, using DNA fingerprinting techniques to establish paternity in a community of chimpanzees in the Ivory Coast, contradicts 30 years of careful observation...



Sheraldine Mohamed, a worker at a Johannesburg flag factory, inspects the new flag of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Page 19

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Eurofighter: Tony Blair is to ask Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, for a firm commitment to the Eurofighter at their first meetingPage 27

Pittington: The troubled glassmaker has parted company with its chief executive only weeks after a profit warning sent the sharesPage 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 34.5 points to close at 4642.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.0 to 99.1 after a rise from \$1.6453 to \$1.6470 and from DM2.7896 to DM2.7917.... Page 30

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Football: Kenny Swain, of Grimsby Town, and Chris Nicholl, of Walsali, left their jobs as managers: Garry Nelson retired as playercoach of Torquay United.. Page 46 Rugby union: Jason Leonard will captain the British Isles in the opening game of their South Afri-

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can tour in the absence of Martin

AFTS Cartoon capers: New in the cine-

ma this week. Beavis and Butthead Do America is a brash, crude and funny cartoon satire, while Love and Other Catastrophes is a delightful campus comedy from Australia .Page 35

Going Dutch: The New York Met's Flying Dutchman is among the new classical CDs; the video selection includes Geena Davis in a violent thriller..... ... Page 36

Calling Romenia: Titus Andronicus is given a visually striking production at the Lyric, Hammersmith. The only drawback is that it is in Romanian

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Pottering about: Japanese fans of Beatrix Potter have helped to provide a picturesque route leading to

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in the US feel cheated over Nato expansion. But their exclusion meant that Moscow was able to accept the incorporation of Palazid,

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Preview: A Bafta winner launches a new series of short films by emerging talent. Short and Curlies (Channel 4., 9.45pm). Review: Joe Joseph on the hazards of brightening up the bathroom.. Pages 50, 51

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Pigs in pokes

If devolution is to work then more work must be done before it is put to the people. The principle of a referendum is democratically impeccable. The referendum scheme proposed is, however, demonstrably imperfect....

Congo revisited

The end of the Mobutu regime is as significant for Africa as the end of apartheid in South Africa Page 23

Blair at the box

The old PMQs had all the excitement of a violent thriller and left an equally bad taste in the mouth. The new are more like an episode of The Good Life: enjoyable but slight, and as bland as they are

COLUMNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Labour might win a referendum victory on the euro next year, even against the grain of the British electorate; but the desire for selfgovernment is a potent political force which will reassert itself in the end, as the Americans showed in 1776, and the Scots reminded the Tories in 1997... JOHN BRYANT

If you need a break from this week's sports stories, perhaps you should look at Finland. There they are devoting the whole year to celebrating a sporting legend who was born a century ago and whose achievements provide a glimpse of the country's golden era ... Page 50 PETER RIDDELL

Paddy Ashdown won an important symbolic victory. He intervened twice in the new style Prime Minister's questions, compared with his previous single question Page II

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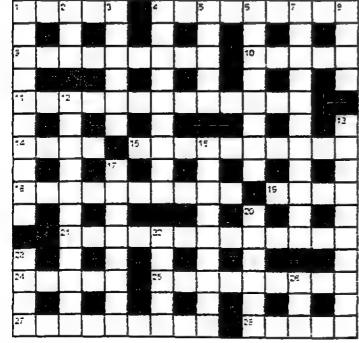
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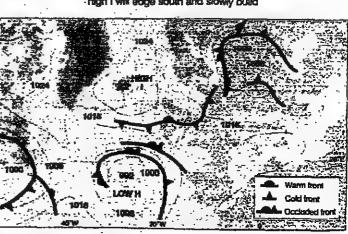
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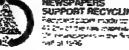


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George defends Bank's role

BY ROBERT MILLER BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE. GEORGE, the Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday made clear that the Bank will remain in charge of the financial stability of the UK's banking sector despite being stripped of its

supervisory powers. Mr George denied he had considered resigning after being given short notice that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was to remove the task of bank supervision from the Bank and hand it to the Securities and investments Board, the chief City watchdog. The Governor said: "All sorts of things go through your mind, but frankly not seriously."

Mr George admitted he had been surprised at the timing of the announcement but added: "You shouldn't make too much of the lack of consultation. The Government when it was in opposition signalled that it would consider this question."

The Governor insisted the rapid move to create an dependent central bank since Labour took office had largely been driven by changes in the financial markets that were causing between banks and other financial institutions to become "blurred". Neverthe less. Mr George said that although a single super-SIB was inevitable at some point we're not confident that point has been reached now

.. The implementation is going to be hugely difficult". Mr George insisted the Bank could not be shut out of the regulatory process, and its responsibility for the stability of the financial system would mean close co-operation with the new

mega-regulator". The Governor, whose first term of office expires next year, shrugged off stions that the Bank would lose its remaining powers if Britain joined a single European currency and the central bank's functions were transferred to an EU bank.

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Restructuring will leave ordinary shareholders with 17.5% of group

Signet plans £510m shake-up

BY JASON NISSE

SIGNET, the jewellery group formerly known as Ratners, has signalled its recovery from the dead with a £510 million restructuring that will leave ordinary shareholders with just 17.5 per cent of the group.

If it goes through, the re-

structuring will put the company on a sound footing for the first time since 1992, when it suspended payment on its debt and Gerald Ramer, the group's chairman, resigned. The plan needs approval by a 75 per cent majority of all classes of shareholders at a series of meetings due to be held next month.

on the news.
In the deal, which has cost

£7 million in fees to City and Wall Street firms, Signet's nine classes of shares will be rolled into one. This will elim-inate US and UK preference shares with a face value of £345 million and unpaid divi-

dends totalling £165 million. The preference holders will end up with 82.5 per cent of the resulting company, which will have about £240 million of debt and is expected to record profits of at least £60 million this year. Signet will go to the courts to gain permission to wipe £199 million of accumulated losses from its balance

sheet and be able to pay dividends again, which it should be able to do next year. Jim McAdam, the former Coats Viyella chief executive who succeeded Mr Ratner as chairman, said: "The company is recovering, but this is not filtering through to the shareholders. We need con-

proposal is likely to succeed," The restructuring will involve the issue of 1.68 billion new ordinary shares to the holders of the preferences. The division of the cake is largely along the lines of how much interest the preferences are owed and what their voting

sensus but we believe this

matical formula, said Walker Boyd, Signet's finance director. Signer gained a boost from one of its sternest critics, UK Active Value Fund, which, with its supporters, will own 35 per cent of the restructured group. The levels of share-holdings are not far from the levels we had envisaged," said Julian Treger, one of the two South Africans behind UK Ac-

Mr Treger has been pressing Mr McAdam to sort out the structure of the company for more than three years. Last year, Signet attempted to sell its UK jewellery business,

But a \$277 million deal to sell the 600-store chain to Apax Partners, the venture capital group, fell apart in September. Mr McAdam said yesterday: "We will listen if anyone comes to us with a pot of gold. but we are not putting either our UK or US businesses up for sale."

Signet also unveiled its figures for the year to February 1, showing pre-tax profits recovering to £45.1 million. from 525 million in the previous year. Mr McAdam said the businesses had performed well on both sides of the Atlantic. The UK operation had operating profits up 25 per

Ernest Jones increasing 12.2 per cent, despite the uncertainty about that business's future for much of the year. US operating profits rose 17 per cent. But the company was cautious about this year, saying that consumer confidence in the UK was "variable" and the US was suffering from a historically high level of consumer debt. City analysts are pencilling in another strong increase in profits for this year to about £60 million. The Signet businesses are in good shape," said one.

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Pilkington chief leaves with £1m payoff

BY JON ASHWORTH

Non-executive directors demanded the departure of Roger Leverton. 58, who leaves with a payoff approaching El million. He was on a two-year rolling contract, and received .447.000 in pay and benent

month's trading statement. Ongoing action to strip out costs is expected to accelerate. The board gave warning in March that profits would be E55 million lower this year, because of further redundancies and asset writedowns in Germany. Pilkington is expected to cut its losing about 1,000 jobs. Last year, 1,900 jobs were lost at a cost of £155 million.

PILKINGTON, the troubled glassmaker, has parted company with its chief executive. only weeks after a profit warning sent the shares plunging.

last year.

The shares rose op to 1212p. Sir Nigel Rudd, non-executive chairman, said: This is a question of pace of change and culture change. Roger Leverton did a very good job and has taken the business on, but the non-executives felt he was not going at a fast-enough pace."

Paolo Scaroni, president of automotive products worldwide, takes over as chief executive. Results for 1996, due on June 6, are in line with last

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Yesterday the SBAC formally

launched its appeal for £100

million in annual government

research and development aid.

It claimed that more than

40,000 jobs could be lost in the

UK aerospace industry over the

next 15 years if the aid package,

The aerospace companies

will match the public money

which the Tories failed to agree,

rights were under the existing which trades under the names SCOUNT

Richard Harvey, left, deputy chief executive of Norwich Union, with George Paul, chairman, and Allan Bridgewater after yesterday's announcement

NU gives 25p extra discount to members

By GAVIN LUMSDEN NORWICH UNION, the life pany emphasised that the

insurer that will distribute £3 billion of free shares to members when it floats next month, yesterday announced a 25p discount for members in the UK wishing to top up their windfall holdings.

The public share offer will be in the range of 240p to 290p, compared with an original estimate of 220p to 265p. The increase boosts the average payout to members by a third to £1,500, although the com-

"man in the street" was likely to receive about £1.000.

The company has failed to make contact with nearly 300,000 members since it announced demutualisation plans last October. Although they will be able to claim their shares after flotation on June 16 they will lose the right to transfer them into a personal equity plan on top of the annual £9,000 allowance. Handouts to the 2.2 million

members could increase still further if recent speculation of pre-flotation takeover bid

from AMP, the Australian insurer, proves true. However, Allan Bridgewater, chief executive of Norwich Union, insisted there had been no talks and dismissed some of the rumours as "ridiculous".

The discount puts the members' share offer at 215p to 265p and represents a £40 saving for members applying for the minimum value of £400. The

maximum value members can apply for is £100,000. The closing date for applications is 20m on June 10. Norwich is selling a total of

£2.4 billion of shares through Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Cazenove & Co. its brokers. After flotation it will have a market capitalisation of £5.6 billion. Norwich has initially com-

mitted £800 million of shares for members to buy but has reserved a further £400 million if demand is sufficient. A total of £1.75 billion of the money raised by the flotation will be new capital, the bulk of which will be put into the life fund to compensate for the transfer of Norwich's three main subsidiaries into the new plc structure. A further £670 million will be returned to overseas members and pension mustees who are barred from holding their free shares.

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verdict savages

INVESTORS in Celitech lost nearly half their money yesterday as £220 million was wiped off the value of one of Britain's biggest and best-regarded biotechnology companies.

Celitech shares plummeted after a big US trial showed its septic shock drug to be useless. The disappointment was particularly shocking because Bayer. Celltech's German partner, which funded the phase 3 study, has recently been very confident about

launching the product. Peter Feliner, Celitech chief executive, said: "Both of us are surprised and disappointed. We had been quite ontimistic " The drug's failure will mean

that Celitech will miss out on £10 million of milestone payments due to come from Bayer. The British company had hoped to make its first profits this year, but Dr Fell-ner said that breakthrough will now be delayed until 1999/2000. Celltech still has £41 million of cash, and does not expect to have to seek more funding from shareholders.

Celltech suffered a similar. but less serious, setback last year when it abandoned phase 2 research on an asthma drug. Yesterday's blow sent the shares down from 630p to a law of 290p, though they recovered to 34lp in heavy trading.

Although Bayer has released few details about trials. the results kill Celltech's approach to septic shock, based on neutralising a protein called tumour necrosis factor.

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Unions in talks with Blair's team

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNION leaders have opened wide-ranging talks with the Government. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, yesterday revealed that trade union leaders have embarked upon a programme of meetings with senior ministers including this week holding talks in 10 Downing Street

with Tony Blair. Mr Monks told the TUC's governing executive committee yesterday that there is now a substantially changed mood in Whitehall and Westminster after 18 years under the Conservatives in which unions had been "systematically excluded"

from talking to government

and policymakers. He said: This has now changed. Of course there were no secret deals with Labour before the election, and there is no pay-back after the election. No one wants to go back to the kind of arrangements that existed in the Sixties and Seventies. But there is every sign that government has embraced the partnership it

promised in its manifesto." Mr Monks met Mr Blair on Tuesday, in a wide-ranging discussion on employment issues, the social chapter, allowing unions back into GCHQ

and and a statutory minimum wage. The talks with Mr Blair which significantly came after the Prime Minister had already met leaders of the CBI - followed a similar meeting on Monday between senior

of Trade. The TUC also said it had held talks since the election with the CBI. Adair Turner. Director-General of the CBI, will address the TUC's annual conference in Brighton in September.

union leaders and Margaret

Beckett, President of the Board

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Monks: "no secret deals"



Blair to press Kohl for firm commitment to Eurofighter

By OLIVER AUGUST depend on the Eurofighter

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, for a firm commitment to the Eurofighter at their first meeting tomorrow. mini-EU The £45 billion fighter air-

craft is one of Britain's biggest industrial projects but its development stalled recently when the German Government failed to approve its slice of the funding. As many as 10,000 jobs at British Aerospace, one of four European partners building the plane. and its UK supplier base

production going ahead. Mr Blair has signalled that he will lobby Herr Kohl at the summit Noordvik. Holland. Mike Turner, president of the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) and a BAe

press him." The UK aerospace companies have held meetings with the Government, focusing on the Eurofighter.

executive director, said yesterday: "I am expecting Blair to

in a move to neutralise the research advantage of US and European competitors who get government grants. LIPERADES & OFTOMS (ADD)

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cammell Laird to be

first listed repair yard

CAMMELL LAIRD will become the first ship repair yard to

have a London listing after its flotation this summer. The yard formerly part of VSEL before its acquisition by GEC, is making healthy profits after keeping labour costs below the European average. The company wants to raise £4 million to pay for the renovation of two dry docks at its Birkenhead base. The 47-acre site on the banks of the River Mersey is

among the biggest of its kind in England. Investments in the technical services -business are also planned. Market capitalisation will be about £20 million. Turnover doubled from £11 million to £22 million in the year to April 30, 1996,

and pre-tax profits increased from £200,000 to £700,000. The

latest full-year results, expected to show another increase in

profits, will be included in the prospectus next month.

In the hugely labour-intensive ship repair business, UK

companies enjoy a strong cost advantage in spite of the relative strength of sterling. They pay average hourly wages of \$26 while their German competitors pay \$52.5, according to International Ship Repair News.

ICL in First Direct link

ICL, the computer and information technology company, and First Direct, the telephone bank owned by Midland Bank, will conduct a 2,000-customer Internet home banking trial in

June. If successful, the service will be offered to any of the

650,000 First Direct customers with personal computers equipped with modems. Trial customers will be able to access accounts using a Web browser, allowing them to transfer funds between accounts, view statements and pay bills.

BA hits back in dispute

BRITISH AIRWAYS has hit back in its dispute with the cabin crew union, which is to ballot BA staff next week on strike action. Bob Ayling, chief executive, has written to Bill Morris.

general secretary of the Transport and General Workers, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers, Union (TCWU), explaining why BA withdrew office facilities previously made available free of charge to the British Airways Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa). Mr Ayling said BA was committed to working positively with unions.

Demand for gold leaps

Surprising slowdown in money supply growth

By Alasdair Murray

THE growth in money supply slowed unexpected-ly in April, data published

M4, the measure of broad money supply, rose by 0.5 per cent in April. bringing the annual rate March to 10.4 per cent. The figures were well below City expectations of an IL3 per cent increase, but remain above the monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent.

Economists gave the fig-ures a cautious welcome but said the slowdown was unlikely to convince the Bank of England that monetary growth is under con-troi. The figures were flattered by the impact of than expected PSBR data.

Eddie George, the Gover-nor of the Bank of Eng-land, reiterated his belief, in the April monthly monetary meeting, that current levels of monetary growth are incompatible with meeting the inflation target. In the minutes of the meeting, which were also published yesterday. Mr George argued for a quarter-point rise in rates to head off inflationary

But Kenneth Clarke, in his last monetary meeting as Chancellor, overruled the Bank, arguing that the soaring pound was having a similar impact to interest rate rises. Mr Clarke said a quarter-point rise could be viewed by the market as the first in a series of rate rises, prompting another rally in the pound

Separate data published yesterday by the Building ed net new mortgage commitments last month rising to 54,000 from 46,000 in March. The seasonally adjusted figures for gross advances also showed a small rise from £3.15 billion to £3.25 billion. Economists said the big jump probably fixed-rate deals before the election.

But figures from the British Bankers' Association showed mortgage lending flat in April at £740 million. although overall personal lending increased from £1.05 billion to £1.23 billion. Tim Sweeney, director-general of the BBA, said the rise in personal lending was the second-largest monthly increase since the series hegan.



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Richard North, left, Bass finance director, and Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, saw half-year profits rise 10 per cent to £318 million, boosted by managed pubs

Bass shares hit by fears over Carlsberg-Tetley bid inquiry

by 12.6 per cent. to £116 million, with the group open-Bass repeated its threat to ing 74 new branded outlets in walk away from the £205 milthe first half of the year. Bass lion Carlsberg-Terley deal if said that it is aiming to open a total of 200 managed outlets this year, including new brands such as Edwards and conditions are imposed that it regards as too tough. However, Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, said that the company is convinced Bar Coast. Profits from the that economic lugic is on its side and that job losses would tenanted house division were flat, at £32 million. be greater if the merger of the Dollar profits in the hotels

division rose by 10 per cent, to \$150 million, although growth was restricted to 5.6 per cent two brewers is vetoed. The company's improved haif-year performance was led after translation to sterling. by strong results in its managed house and hotel division. Bass said that it is looking to expand its Holiday Inn chain in Europe, but added that it is Operating profits in the managed house division increased

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seeing some slowdown in demand for budget hotels. Corals, the betting business, enjoyed a successful half year,

helping leisure division profits to rise by 11.4 per cent, to £39 million. Bass said that the installation of amusement machines in bookies, the introduction of new products and a better race season had all contributed to an improvement in profit. However, the company refused to be drawn on speculation that is interested in purchasing William Hill from Brent Walker.

The one blackspot was a 30 per cent fall in profits from the Gala bingo business. Bass said that it would be reviewing the asset value of bingo out lets, currently on the balance sheet at £380 million.

Bass brewing increased profits by 7 per cent, to E77-million, with Carling, the UK's biggest-selling lager, increasing volumes by 6 per cent. Carling Premier sales rose by 70 per cent, while overall volumes increased by 1.9 per cent in a flat market.

Bass's dividend is being increased by 7.8 per cent, to 8.3p, payable on July 28.

GOLD consumption in key world markets leapt to a record 771 tonnes in the first three months of this year on strong demand for jewellery in the Middle East and Asia, according to the World Gold Council. The producer body said demand in India and Indonesia was at all-time highs. However, prices languished because of adequacy of supply and a fear that other nations will follow The Netherlands in selling gold from reserves. First-quarter demand rose 17 per cent on 1996's first quarter. Quadramatic advances

QUADRAMATIC, the industrial products company, had an S per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £6.69 million, in the halfyear to March 31 on turnover up to £35 million, from £29.5 million: However, basic earnings fell by 3 per cent, to 9.20 a share, after the issue of 3.4 million shares for the exercise of warrants and options. The interim dividend is 4.1p, up 8 per cent. The company expects a "satisfactory" outcome to the full year, in spite of any adverse effects of sterling's strength.

Coffee quotas extended

A RALLY in world coffee prices reignited when the Association of Coffee Producing Countries agreed to extend its current cartelstyle export quotes for 12 more months to try to lock in gains from this year's speciacular rise in prices. At the Coffee, Sugar and Cocca: Exchange in New York, arabica coffee futures for July rose sen cents to top \$2.50 per pound. Benchmark coffee futures prices or unrossted beans have almost doubled since January because of low stocks and tight Latin American supply.

P&O Nedlloyd loss \$31m

THE recently formed P&O Nedlloyd Container Lines reported a loss of \$31 million in the first quarter, compared with a pro-forma loss a year earlier of \$13 million. The company said the merger of Nediloyd Lines and P&O containers is ahead of schedule and will lead to greater synergy than originally forecast. However, savings will fall in subsequent quarters. Container revenue rates continued to decline as amicipated but the overall outlook is more positive, the company added.

Toyota races ahead

TOYOTA, the Japanese carmaker, raised profits 82 per cent to 620:41 billion yen (£3.3 billion) but disappointed analysts by forecasting a small rise to Y630 billion for the current year. Toyota was helped last year by cost cuts and a weak yen but its forecast for the current year is more cautious and is based on a dollar/yen rate identical to last year's. Toyota said: "The weak yen boosted our parent operating income by Y240 billion and cost-cutting efforts pushed it up by Y110 billion."

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DTI acts Auditor holds up Lanica relisting

hotel growth.

LANICA TRUST, Andrew Regan's Guernsey-registered vehicle, which backed the aborted hid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society, has been forced to put back the relisting of its shares because of delays in producing its accounts. Shares in Lanica were sus-

BASS does not expect a deci-

sion by the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission on its

purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley

until the middle of next

month, the company said yes-

terday as speculation mounted. that the Government is pre-

Shares in Bass fell by 225 p.

to 78912p, in spite of the

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reporting a 10 per cent in-

crease in half-year profits.

excluding tax. to £318 million.

Analysis said that they were

concerned about the outcome

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nopolies inquiry and about the

paring to veto the deal.

pended at £19.50 in February after the Stock Exchange became concerned that the conpany might have been breaching rules covering investment trusts because of the potential £1.2 billion bid for CWS by Galileo, in which Lanjea is a major shareholder Other backers of Galilen included the fund managers Schröders Investment Management and Jupiter Tyndall, and Killik &

Co, the stockbroker, The bid was dropped last month and Galiles is now in

liquidation. The Exchange has told Lanica that it can relist its shares when it publishes its accounts, which were expected to come out yesterday. However, although com-

pleted and audited, the accounts cannot be published because Lanica's auditor. Price Waterhouse, wants to put extra notes on them to take account of the bid for CWS and its aftermath.

The notes are likely to relate to legal autions that have fullowed the collapse of the Lanica offer Mr Regan and David Lyons, his abdirector, are understade to have entiributes up to \$1 million to legal costs of the CWS in settlement ef a arti, cation. Emist & Young, squidator of Gailles, has threatened in see

on gold 'lottery'

MORE than 1,000 UK citizens are believed to have lost money when they signed up to a "Gold Accumulation Plan" scheme that has been pulling in more than £2 million a month from victions across Europe.

The Department of Trade and Industry sald it had applied to the High Court for a petition to wind up Vanilla Services, a company based in The Netherlands, "in the public interest" and on the grounds that it was an illegal lottery. The Official Receiver was appointed provisional liquidator until a court hearing on June 25.

The DTI found that the multi-level scheme offered members payments in gold coins rather than cash.

BSA retains faith in self-regulation

chairman, said that he not

THE Building Societies Association believes that its members may escape regulation by the enhanced regulatory authurity announced this week by Gordon Brown. At the annual Building Soci-

eties Association conference in Brighton yesterday, Adrian Coles, its director-general, said that he could see no reason why the current system of regulation by the Building Societies Commission should not continue. The commission has been an extremely successful regulator. Despite the fact that the industry has been in the depths of a recession over the last few years, not a single person has been disadvantaged because

of a building society invest-ment," he said. Geoffrey Fischew, the BSC er societies would be regulated by the upgraded Securities and investments Board. . Mr Coles did concede that the commission could eventually come under its control as

been aware of Mr Brown's

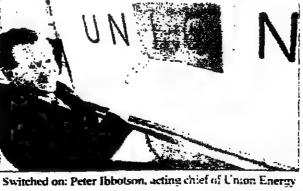
plans and the commission had

not been able to clarify wheth-

"a separate department within the new regulating organi-sation". But he believes mortgages should be excluded from its control. He felt that a new code of practice on mortgages being introduced this year would be sufficient to protect consumers. The Nationwide Building

Society admitted yesterda that it would have to reconsid er its commitment to mutuality if rehel members are voted on to the board.

Union takes action — over TUC action



THE Trades Union Congress. which plans to sell gas and electricity to members, faces a boycott by Unison. Britain's biggest union. Unison, which has mem-

bers in the gas and electricity industries, wants the TUC to ditch Union Energy.
Union Energy aims to

make a profit from energy selling, part of which will be ploughed into union-backed mitiatives such as energy efficiency. Unison, which has 1.3 million members, will

refuse to provide its mailing lists to the company because it believes energy competition endangers jobs. Mike Jeram, Unison's head of energy, said: "Competition strikes at the areas where members's jobs are most at risk such as in hilling. We have been press-ing the TUC to abandon it." Although the TUC has involved itself in insurance selfing to its members the

creation of a profit-making business operating within the privatised utilities is a huge

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

movement's traditional roots. Union Energy hopes to use the TUC's database, which will be about 5.7 million without Unison members, to negotiate cheap deals with suppliers once the gas and electricity markets are fully liberalised. Peter Ibbotson Union Energy's acting chief executive, said the company would offer easy-to-under stand deats in a market that was likely to confuse many

departure from the union

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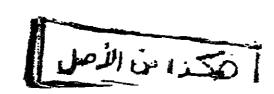
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surprises, there are clear warnings of where it may sweep next.

The speed with which the Chancellor's measures have poured forth may have shocked people, including Eddie George.

but of the content, there had been plenty of warning. So the time has come to turn to a document published in April with the tritely optimistic title Equipping Britain for the Future.

This was Labour's Manifesto-for Business, and between its covers, there are promises, or threats, of what the party, if elected had planned. The scale of its majority will certainly have encouraged the new Government in its belief that it can move ahead quickly with its ideas, but the ideas are there. And for once, it seems, business would be illadvised to ignore manifesto promises as mere electioneering. A surprising number of the moves foreshadowed in that document have already been publicly adopted as government

policy, ranging from a resurrec-tion of the Public Pinance Initia-

tive to a review of the tax and benefits system. But there is

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to extend the principle of Tessas and Peps to promoting long-term

savings?
We should soon see a beefedup deregulation task force, with up to half the members coming from the small firms who struggle against strangulation by red tape. There was also the promise of improved loans for high-tech start-ups, although careful Mr Brown will keep his largesse within the recovers of the crist. within the resources of the exist-ing loan guarantee scheme.

There should be fun to be had from his promise that every

from his promise that every government department will be cajoled into drawing up a comprehensive register of its assets by November with the intention of superfluous assets being turned into cash. Sotheby's and Christie's should be rushing, along with the nation's estate agents, if he sticks to his pledge that: "If there is no need for departments to hold property, iand or other assets, they will be required to sell them." required to sell them."

Perhaps most important, there is the promise to reform Britain's competition laws. Greater pre-dictability and greater trans-



parency' are what the Chancellor promised in April. If he were to move fast on that front, business would applaud. Only the lawyers would have reason to complain.

Sir lan Prosser is still waiting to learn whether his takeover of Carlsberg-Tetley is to be allowed to proceed. The uncertainty is damaging for at least one of the companies involved in such an impasse. If Labour wants to be tough on competition, this deal could be the first victim.

Reaction tarnishes Signet's shake-up

im McAdam is a pretty solid old warhorse. But even his gruff Glaswegian hide could not help but be hurt by the churlish reaction of the market to the revelation of Signet's long-awaited capital restructuring. After all, McAdam, who took the helm five years ago when Gerald Ratner was ousted from the

jewellery group that then bore his name, has spent the last eight months in smoke-filled rooms with lawyers, accountants and merchant bankers trying to find a way to turn Signet's nine classes of share into one. Together, they have come up with a structure that looks like working — and Signet shares fall 20 per cent as soon as the deal sees the

light of day. Maybe it is inertia. This deal has been waiting for regulatory approval in the US for nearly three months and the broad brush of its structure has been known by those who really matter — particularly Julian Treger, of rebel shareholder UK Active Value Fund — for a while. Treger, who is supported by a fan club of interestingly named investors such as Everest Capital and Sass Associates which will own about 35 per cent of the restructured group, gave the proposals a reserved thumbs up (subject to studying the fine

print) yesterday. This is about as positive as McAdam and co could have expected.

Treger's backing is essential. He has argued for three years that Signet's preposterous shareholding structure, which involves eight classes of preference share owed 5i65 million in interest, has to be sorted out. McAdam spent a long time with his head in the sand until Treger forced him into action. When the attempt to sell the UK jewellery business to Apax Partners fell apart last September, McAdam was finally galvanised into action.

How the cake was going to be divided was always going to depend on art rather than science. Leaving the ordinary shareholders with just 17.5 per cent of the final company looks stingy at first glance - especially the preference shareholders no longer have the power to push the group into receivership now that it is solidly profitable. But without this deal, the ordinary

of dividends. Now they only have to wait a year. Assuming this company can make £60 million this year, and the underlying businesses are at last doing quite well, its market value could easily top £600 million, making vesterday's share price drop look foolish as well as churlish.

Pilkington through the looking glass

ilkington's public relations team was working val-iantly yesterday to explain that Roger Leverton, its chief executive, has done a great job for the company. That, of course, is why he is being paid up to £1 million to make a hasty exit and allow a new man to take the

The fact is that the giant glassmaker fails to produce the same level of returns as its international competitors, who must also be suffering the same atrocious market conditions that have for so long been the company's excuse for disappoint-

ing. Chairman Sir Nigel Rudd is determined that Pilkington can

be made to work. Installing a foreigner as chief executive may be the way to finally change the culture that has dogged the company as it struggled to modernise. Sir Anthony Pilkington, who retired in 1995, was the fifth generation of the family the fifth generation of the family that founded the firm. If the pattern is clogs to clogs in three generations, then Pilkington came close to going barefoot after Sir Anthony presided over its disastrous moves into solar

Perhaps it was the family company's climate of deference that prevented more drastic changes after that debacle. But Sir Nigel, with his reputation on the line, is clearly determined that they should come now. Planned restructurings will go further than the 1,900 job cuts already appropriate the company of the company of the company of the company of the cuts already appropriate the company of the company of the company of the cuts already appropriate the company of the cuts already appropriate the cuts of the cuts already appropriate the cuts of th

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A very different company should emerge....

Staff appraisal

☐ FOR a company that makes its living by finding the right people to slot into high-powered jobs, BNB Resources has an unfortunate personnel record. The rate at which high-fee earners have left the group will take its toll on profits. Shareholders at today's annual meeting may inquire, tactfully, as to the latest departures and whether chairman David Norman's hefty salary can continue to survive his inability to keep staff.

Carlton gives win or lose digital pledge

CARLTON Communications said yesterday that it willexpand in the digital TV market, which will see the launch of hundreds of new channels, even if it loses the

digital licence sweepstakes.

Carlton said it expects the Independent Television Commission to award digital terrestrial licences before the end of June. A Carlton-led consortium, which includes Granada and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, is competing for the licence with per cent, to £163 million, in the the Digital Terrestrial Net half year to March 31, on work, owned by NTL, an

The Carlton group was the early favourite but NTL's chances of winning seem to have improved in recent weeks. United News & Media and the BBC-Flextech joint programming venture said they will back NTL if it wins.

Win or lose, Carlton said it will provide programming to the new digital broadcasters. The company's library, with 7,500 hours of TV programmes and 1,000 films, is

Sketchley

discovers

£10m hole

BY FRASHIR NELBON

this is likely to result in the

one of Europe's largest. The Quantel subsidiary, which makes digital editing systems. is growing rapidly as TV companies prepare for the digital launch.

Michael Green, chairman of Cariton, said: Digital terrestrial TV brings enormous opportunities ... Cariton will definitely be involved as a major producer and distribu-tor of television programmes

Stronger advertising and programme sales helped to lift Carlton's pre-tax profits by 13 turnover of £896 million, up 6 were 17.3p. up 13 per cent.

Operating profits rose in all divisions ber the video business, which makes and distributes video cassettes for the major Hollywood studios. Carlton said that a disappointing mix of titles was behind the downturn.

The interim dividend, due to be paid on August 22, rises 12 per cent to 4.9p.

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New stores lift Blacks Leisure

BY FRASER NELSON

SKETCHLEY, the troubled THE surge in demand for dry-cleaning and Supasnaps sportswear helped Blacks Leisure to a huge increase in its chain, is expected to part company with its finance diprofits last year. The company, which rector today after discovering

opened 30 stores in the period, lifted pre-tax profits to £10.2 million (£2.1 million) in the a £10 million hole in its account books.
Yesterday the company gave warning that "deficiencies" in its financial reporting year to February 28. Sales rose to £90.8 million (£68.4 structure had obscured extra Active Venture, Blacks' newly developed "lifestyle" expenses that will wipe out the

E8 million profit it was expectchain, broke into profit over ed to make.
It promised to make "immethe year with sales of £6.2 million (£400,000) as the numdiate changes" and is holding a special board meeting today ber of stores increased from to "implement changes to the Blacks Outdoor, its specialaccounting and finance funcist sports arm, increased profits to £4.2 million (£2.8 tions". It is understood that

million). First Sport, which is departure of Richard Meyers. aimed at teenagers, opened 13 its finance director. stores over the year and had seven refurbished. This Sketchley's shares lost more than a quarter of their value. helped to lift its contribution falling 23p to 65p — their lowest point for 20 years. to £10.6 million (£6 million). Overall, earnings were 22.6p (5.54p) a share. A final dividend of 2.75, due on Octo-Analysts now expect the company to return a loss of £2 million for the year to March ber 3, brings the total to 4p.

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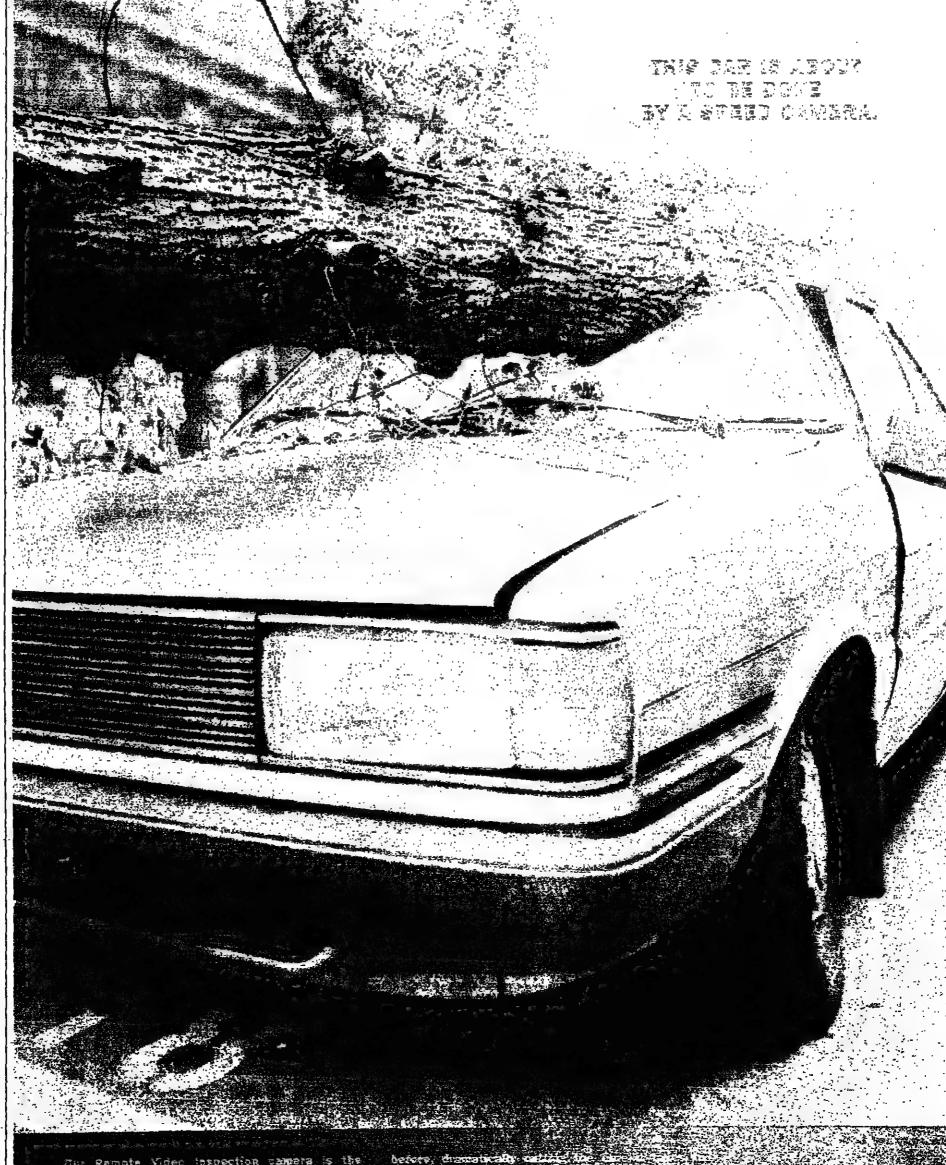
31, in spite of the 521.6 million it raised last year through a rights issue at 105p a share. National Power call

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

NATIONAL POWER, the country's biggest electricity generator, yesterday demanded exemption from the Government's windfall tax on utilities. But the company stopped short of threatening legal action, saying instead that it intended to press its case in dialogue with the

Covernment National Power believes it should escape any part of the £3 billion-plus tax because it is not a monopoly; because its activities are unregulated and because taxpayers gained from its sale to a greater extent than they did from the sale of regional electricity companies and the water industry. Yesterday National Power

reported an 8 per cent drop in profits to £740 million before tax and exceptional items. The decline was the result of the sale of power stations that was imposed by the regulator last year. The final dividend is 19p, making a total of 25p.



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Fed's decision on ra gives London new

eral Reserve's decision to peg interest rates were tempered by the Governor of the Bank of England's call for a preemptive strike against inflationary pressures.

The 75-point turnround in the Daw Jones industrial average overnight, on the absence of any interest rate rise, was the signal for a bounce-back by shares in London.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was 46.3 higher, but it finished below its best after those comments from Eddie George and an opening fall in New York last night. The index closed 34.5 up at 4,642.0 after 848 million shares changed hands.

Full-year figures from Carlton Communications were bang in line with City forecasts. The price jumped 1812p at 51712p. But Bass failed to please, with the price falling 321 ap to 7981 ap.

Cadbury Schweppes ended a two-day presentation for analysts with a rise of 16p at 541/2p. An upbeat trading statement from Arjo Wiggins was rewarded with a rise of 612p at 174p as turnover reached almost three million

In financials, NatWest Bank touched 799p before ending op dearer at 792p after a line of 1.52 million shares went through the market at

Insurance shares were wanted as Norwich Union began to outline details of its proposed float. Legal & General rose 201ap to 455ptc. General Accident 10p to 930p and Commercial Union 1612p at 737p. Royal Sun Alliance rose 512p to 48n12p as NatWest Securities and SBC Warburg told clients to add to their holdings.

Vickers firmed 2p to 220p as Sir Colin Chandler, chuirman. snapped up 10,000 shares at 221p after recent weakness. Rolls-Royce rose 512p to 245p. Foreign investors now hold 29.5 per cent of the shares, the maximum allowed under the articles of association.

A warning of losses left Sketchley nursing a fall of 23p at 65p. The company blamed "accounting deficiencies" at its retail division, which will result in helty provisions.

News of difficult trading conditions in the US hurt Bluebird Toys. It ended the day 63p down at 10012p. A profits warning also took its toll of AIM-listed Drings of



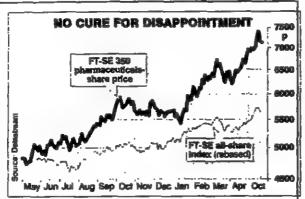
Simon Bentley, of Blacks Leisure, down 9p on profit-taking

Bath, leaving the price lp lower at 2p.

A return to the black during first quarter at Micro Focus lifted the price 4212p to £14.77's in a thin market. But Blacks Leisure retreated 9p to 5lotap on profit-taking after hoisting profits last year almost five-fold to El0.2 million. The payout was almost doubled from 2.5p to 4p. Simon Bentley, chairman, who has

been behind the group's revival, says last year was boosted by sales of football club shirts after Euro 96.

We could see a bid soon for Utilitee, the investment trust, judging by the performance of couple of days. Yesterday they rose a further 412p to 8412p, stretching the lead during the rast couple of days to 1112p. some way short of its peak of



More than £250 million was wiped from Celltech's stock market price tag as the shares closed 289p lower. at 341p. after touching 287 2p. Bayer, its marketing partner, revealed that Phase 3 clinical trials of BAY-X-1351 had failed to septic shock. The secondgeneration anti-hody would no longer be

developed. The fall highlighted potential risks in the sector. Scotia Holdings touched 350p before bouncing back to close 10p down at 392½p. There were also losses for

Cantab Pharmareutical. down 472p at 9172p, after touching 835p; Peptide Therapeutics, 12½p to 346p; PPL Therapeutics. 15p to 407½p; Xenova Group, 17p to 283p; and Vanguard Medical, 5p to 600p. Nigel Barnes at Merrill

initial price reaction of other companies was unjustified. "Not all the other companies have the high risk profile that Celltech does," he said. "Celltech is now left with one other product in Phase 2 trials. This is not the case with the others such as Scotia."

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Union of discounts

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SURELY a million pulses quickened when a radio report yesterday morning suggested Norwich Union members were in line for ZS per cent discounts on the price the City is paying if they choose to take extra shares in the £5.6 billion float. Alas, not true, however keen the Norwich is to get such a huge share issue away — and it should be. The discount is 25p, on a price of 265p, taking the middle of the company's own estimates.

unsure how to value the company, and analysis' views are therefore erring on the insurance sector have been through the like a steal for members.

crucible of a few bad years as a quoted company, under the eye of the market; the Norwich boys are, inevitably, marked back as the new kids on the block.

There are two ways of looking at Norwich shares. One is as a straight yield stock, in which case the shares at 265p yield a historic 5 per cent. By contrast, proven comparators such as Sun Life are on 3.8 per cent and the Pru 3.3 per cent. There is also the insurer's embedded company when the book-building exercise is finished on June 15. But there is, in effect, a second discount, because the market asset value, and the Norwich's valuation comes in at 1.2 times this figure, against a figure approaching two times for those control of the company when the book-building exercise is in at 1.2 times this figure, against a figure approaching two times for those control of the company when the book-building exercise is in at 1.2 times this figure, against a figure value, the nearest possible calculation to net shares are listed, because the market certainly will, and at the bookbuilding price the shares cautious side. Existing managements in the are good value. At 10 per cent off this, they look

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Celltech

THIS is turning into a bad year for biotechies. After disappointments from Scotia Holdings and Cortecs International, the failure of Celltech's septic shock drug is the third setback in as many months from three of Britain's biggest biotechnol-

ogy companies.

Celltech has suffered by far the most serious blow. Supposedly one of the sec tor's safer stocks because of its broad drug portfolio and partnership approach to development. Celltech's shares lost nearly half their value in a single day.

The shock was all the greater because Bayer, Celliech's German partner, has been so very optimistic. After picking up most of the development costs, Bayer will now bear the bulk of the embarrassment as well. The

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Carlton Comms

CARLTON Communications. has proved once again it does not require acquisitions to expand. Organic growth pro-pelled the latest set of results. vhich saw an II per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits...

The question is whether organic growth can keep the momentum going. With the arrival of Channel 5 and the increasing popularity of satel-lite and cable channels, the TIV market is having trouble holding its own. For Cariton expansion means snapping up the remaining ITV comp nies, most of which are tiny. Diversification will provide some growth - Carlton has entered the cinema advertising and film distribution markets - but the best opportunities lie in digital TV. which will open up the market

to hundreds of new channels." Carlton - along with partners Granada and BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times - is in the

running for the digital terres-trial TV licences to be awarded next month. The consortium, called British Digital Broadcasting, was initially considered the favourite. The rival Digital Terrestrial Network however has come back from the dead and seems to have a fair chance of

taking the prize.
Until the winner is announced, there is no rush to buy. If Cariton loses, the City will be tempted to revise the buy ratings on the shares.

Blacks Leisure

A GLANCE around any high street on a Saturday afternoon provides as much proof as retailers will be raking in money for some time to come.

Inspection of the price tag attached to a pair of trainers explains how these chains manage 47 per cent margins. And examination of the retailers ahare price should persuade any passive investor to take the plunge. Although the

sportswear sector has shown consistent growth, the trends veer from premium brands to low cost, from fashion wear to practical wear.

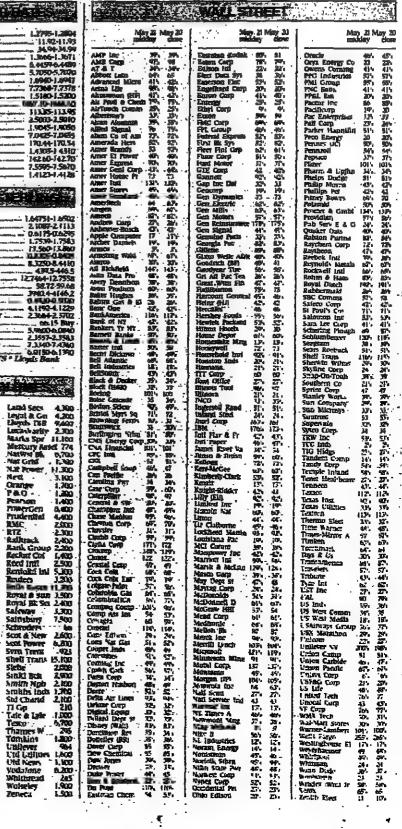
Unlike its rivals, Blacks has positioned its chains to capture all four sectors and its bets are firmly spread. Active Venture, its newest chain, is categorised so much as a fashion outlet that it steadles the nerves of anyone who finds the sports sector a little too volatile.

The company has also invested heavily in its stores and has left many benefits still to come. It has spent some £10 million on refurbishments already, and will launch a £2 million market-

Lastiy, the City has ill-rewarded the company for its achievements. Its shares trade on a forward multiple of 19 times, against John David Sports's 26 times and JD Sports's 27 times. With the growth in sportswear showing no signs of slowing. the shares look cheap.

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Headlong gallop to the long term

seeming lack of differences between new Brown and old Clarke that seduced business into blissful calin at election time. More likely hyperactivity will speak louder than soothing manifesto words in other areas too, including Europe, the Budget and intility regulation.

That logical, worryingly com-plex reform of City regulation was, to be fair, announced prematurely. Mr Brown wants to take away the central bank's powers to supervise commercial banks in the early Bill needed to legitimise its new monetary regime and to bring in a

second deputy governor.

The Bank had certainly asked for an "independent" monetary policy. In a different sense of the term it had also asked for banking supervision to be taken away from it. The threat of insolvency may well be healthy for a competitive banking system. It is an intellectually untenable philosophy for a

prudential supervi bound to infect the attitudes of its line staff to banks' judgments.

Taking the two changes together, plus the final, inevitable transfer of debt management to the Treasury, the Old Lady doubtless reckons it has a good bargain. Maybe Members of the Bank's court, itself soon to be reformed, should remember that Mr Brown's thoughts claim to be relentlessly long term.

They should also remember the kulaks. These yeomen of rural Russia, you may recall, were unexpectedly wood by Lenin 10 restore lood production after the civil war. Once they had achieved this Stalin massacred them.

The worst that could happen to

the Bank of England is to slip

elegantly into a more decorative

part of the City's constitution, like

the Lord Mayoralty, and, more recently, the Stock Euchange. This

would happen only if sterling joined the euro, but not right at the start. The Bank would then lose monetary policy, foreign exchange trading, currency printing and the gold reserves, and much of its role in keeping the financial system stable. But it would have little or no chance of gaining an operating role in markets on behalf of the

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acts for the US Treasury. For the Bank, Britain's acceptance of the euro should come now or never. The code words of the Chancel-

lor's messages on EMU consistently suggest that he wants to ioin in. It should be decided soberly on economic grounds. He was at it again at the CBI's red-tie dinner on Tuesday. The test should be the impact of EMU on jobs, investment and growth. Opinions will remain as divided

as ever on this, as on other aspects of EU relations. Note, however, that specific economic doubts tend to be short-term: that Britain will be locked into a deflationary fiscalmonetary stance at too high an exchange rate. The long-term effects that Mr Brown likes to focus on are conjectural and more favourable. They fit perfectly with But the decision to apply is not his.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has pursued the party line that we are unlikely to be in the first wave. in part, no doubt, this stems

from a presumption that voters would turn down the idea if a referendum were held soon. The Tories' election slaughter may have changed that presumption. Early entry should no longer be ruled out of business planning. If Labour's plans work as it wishes. the more likely outcome is a decision to join made either just before or just after the next

Meanwhile, the Chancellor is galloping headlong from his City reforms to his first Budget. The betting must be on radical changes here too, rather than a modest emergency Budget to bring in a utility tax. In fiscal policy, however, there is a great conflict between quick radical action and long-term thinking. The Chancelfor would surely not wish to preempt his task force on the tax and benefit system or the thoughts of newly-installed Frank Field.

Supposedly easy ways to raise taxes, as the Chancellor is being urged to do, are equally shorttermist. Axing pension fund tax privileges would undermine the pensions drive before it started. It might well backfire if companies have to top up their funds under the rules of the 1995 pension law. Even worse, it would cut the longterm product of those savings. Axing mortgage interest relief for new buyers would wreak havoc in the lower end of the housing market because millions could not afford to move.

A truly long-term Budget could bring welcome surprises. The Chancellor, aping Kenneth Clarke, sold the CBI that he wanted to cut the Budget deficit "in the medium term". To do that he might well phase out Miras over two or three years. He might even phase the utility tax over a full four years. Even in the Budget shocks













Brown's Bill must offer safety for savers and a stick for City sinners

ordon Brown is a canny cove. When he rode out on Tuesday to tackle the complex and often arcane world financial services are policed he must have known that he was taking on one of the most sophisticted and vociferous lob-

bying machines in town. But the Chancellor judged his moment well. With memories still fresh from last week's name them and shame them showdown at the Treasury with personal pensions mis-sellers not least in the minds of a million or so victims - he wrapped himself in the twin llags of investor protection and enhancing London's pre-eminent position among the global markets. In his crisp delivery style, Mr Brown rattled off his vision of the future and a super-SIB. Much of it was just that a vision. However, rather than simply call for a consultation period, which would have been an invitation to the life, pensions and investment lobbies to chop down acres of trees for their submissions, he gave them a broad template from which to work and probably shortened the run-up to an allembracing Financial Services Act Mark 2 by at least a year.

First, he declared that the old system of self-regulation was prouncement that was greeted

with almost universal relief.

Robert Miller outlines the main objectives of the new financial

watchdog system as the Government sets a heady pace for reform

Time, markets, and above all people's investment needs have changed out of all recognition since the 1986 Financial Services Act made its debut. Now the multitude of front-line regulators who police fund managers, brokers and futures dealers and firms that sell direct to the public will be rolled into the Securities and Investments Board, the most senior City watchdog. And, for good mea-sure, Mr Brown said that banking supervision and surveillance would be taken away from the Bank of England and Eddie George, its Governor, and passed to the SIB.

The Bank's 430-strong banking supervision staff will move to the SIB's new offices under the respected leadership of Michael Foot. The snag? No office space has yet been found to accomodate an enlarged SIB staff of around 1,500.

But - and this is where Mr Brown has been canny - the main change in how banks will be supervised, and by which body, can be enshrined in legislation already being drafted the Bank of England Bill. which was unveiled in the Queen's Speech, So the first stage in the wide-sweeping reforms is already under way.

The next round of detail on how the different and diverse aspects of financial services regulation will be brought together is being considered by Sir Andrew Large, the outgoing chairman of the SIB, and his successor at the end of July. Howard Davies, the current Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. Mr Brown has aleady pencilled in a date in his diary in July for an update and expects plans to be well-advanced by then. The Treasury, meanwhile, has begun drafting the new Financial Services Bill and this is expected to be published in the first half of next year after which MPs. consumer organisations and

industry bodies will be able to debate the subject. The first inkling of the difficulties the Treasury faces may come not from the dry and finer points of law but the characters involved. It is no secret that many in the front-line regulators have no time for the SIB or its senior managers. They feel that with a staff of around 200 and a budget of around E22 million the STB is an expensive waste of time, merely duplicaring much of the work done by the front-liners. In a valedictory speech in London on Tuesday

night, Sir Andrew said that certain aspects of the SIB's relationship with fellow regulators had at times taken on "an Alice in-Wooderland quality". The chief executives of the

front-line watchdogs - Colette Bowe on the retail side, Phillip Thorpe for fund managers, and Nick Durlacher on the markets and traders side, have all been tipped at various stages to become the number two to the SIB chairman, who we now know is Howard Davies.

The SIB's current chief executive is Andrew Winckier, a former Treasury mandarin, who has worked closely with Mr Davies on various regulatory matters, not least on the SIB board, of which the Deputy Governor is a member. Mr Winckler is tipped to keep his post. While the front-line chiefs are very experienced, it remains to be seen whether they will all

fit into the new super-STB. Similarly, the next level down of senior directors have built up tribal loyalties to their chiefs and they too may find it difficult to transfer allegiance. The less loyal have already been lured to the private sector with large salaries, and others may be tempted. Alistair Darling. Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Helen Liddell, Economic Secre-What may prove slightly tary to the Treasury, have thus embarked on a charm offensive

working that they are needed. Mr Brown's over-worked Treasury boffins must also consider that, in drafting two pieces of hugely complex legislation in tandem, nothing escapes the net. In banking, for example. Mr Foot's supervisors enjoy some far-reaching powers to investigate. These should be retained. However, regulation is about perception. In the past, if someone was to be expelle from the City, the lethal flick of the eyebrow was always delivered in private. In the brave new world of Government openness, wrong-doing should

to re-assure people who are critical to the new system

be clearly flagged.

On the broader financial services front, there are questions over just what should be embraced in the new Act. Mortgages is one example where the Government would be failing consumers if they were not to be taken out of consumer credit legislation and placed firmly in the heart of the proposed new Bill. The Building Societies Commission is

another body likely to disappear. It would seem odd indeed if the Bank's supervisors could not cast their eagle eye over a diminishing number of smaller ocieties, many of whose larger bretheren are converting to banking status this summer.

more difficult is how to handle the seemingly endless trading markets covering such diverse commodities as copper, coffee, petroleum, and futures and options. But these, like the Stock Exchange, are already licensed to conduct business by the SIB and this situation is likely to continue. The Lloyd's of London insurance market this week applied to be regulated by the SIB. Given past failures at Lloyd's, the SIB and the Treasury must surely acceed to this request.

Finally, there are sanctions for rule breakers, which should remember that public shaming can often be a stronger deter rent than big fines. On this point, the Treasury draftsman face their sternest test. They must draw up laws and contracts between the regulated and their regulators that cannot be endlessly challenged in the courts. The new Bill must also contain some civil remedies that are effective in sending out the crucial twin messages: To investors: "your money is safe"; To those who work in the financial markets: "if you break the rules, you get it in the neck."

Bumper cheque eases the pain for the ailing company doctor

It's tough at the top but there is

compensation for the mighty

if they fall, says Jon Ashworth

Pity the company doctor. That fabled personage, clutching corporate stethoscope, and brimming with bold ideas, invariably ends up on the floor of the operating theatre, along with the patient and all the panoply of nurses and equipment. What price the big payoff, when one's reputation lies in

Roger Leverton, head-hunted from RTZ in 1992 to lead the revival of Pilkington. could not have been too surprised to learn, on Monday, that his services were no longer required. Sir Nigel Rudd, the non-executive chairman, took him aside and broke the news that his company doctoring had missed the mark. The patient remained in a sorry state. Exit ego, but with a payoff approaching £1 million to help

to ease the pain. Leverton is hardly the first company chief to fall foul of the non-executive pack. Jim Maxmin, the American recruited in 1991 to lead the revival of Laura Ashley, was forced out

agreement over strategy. A profits warning set the scene for what was to come, and Maxmia gracefully bowed out, his by a cheque for £1.2 million.

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lverson, must be wondering ing the same way. Lauded for her success in turning round Mother care and Bhs, lverson took 1995 in high spirits, pledging to preserve the value of the Laura Ashley brand while exploiting its po-tential. Her

pay climbed 21 per cent to more than £1 Leverton: big payoff million last

year, even as the shares were heading south. Sharp falls after a recent profits warning have all but wiped out the paper gains on the 5.57 million share options granted to lverson on her arrival. Hindsight is a poignant

thing in this game. Eugene Anderson, chief executive of Johnson Matthey in the late 1980s, was hailed as "the Texan corporate troubleshooter with a formidable track record" when he stepped into the hot seat at Ferranti International in February 1990. With earlier successes at Albright & Wilson and Globe Petroleum under his beit, he could only look on in dismay as the situation at Ferranti went from bad to worse. After three-and-a-half years of miscry, the receivers moved in. and the most you will read of Anderson these days is the occasional mention in the newspaper Birthday columns.

In the summer of 1993, a group of disgrantled shareholders, led by the Prudential.

bathrooms group. Tiring of repeated profits warnings, and mindful of the circling predators, they forced the departure of Bill Rooney, replacing him with Roger Regan, father of Andrew. Regan was shrewd enough to state at the outset that it would take at least three years to sort out the mess, deftly covering himself against successive losses. The shares, trading at 172p five years ago, closed at 13p yesterday. Regan declared recently that the company should make a "substantial" profit in 1998, adding: "I've taken the stick. I want to be around to take the praise." As serial doctors go, one eels some sympathy for Stefeels some sympathy phen Walls, currently battling on at Albert Fisher, the foods group. An accountant, and

decided it was time for a change at Spring Ram, the

absurdly named kitchens and

one-time aide to Robert Sangster, the racing tycoon, he was up against the ropes as far back as 1989, when Plessey, of which he was managing director, found itself on the receiving end of a

bid by GEC and Siemens of Germany. Sent packing with a El mil lion payoff, some of which

went on a black Porsche with white leather trim. Walls turned up at BAT Industries, where he oversaw the stock market spin-off of Wig-Rins Teape and Appleton, the paper groups. The delisted company promptly merged with

Arjomari-Prioux of France, creating Arjo Wigand Walls was oushed out as chief executive. Hence Albert Fisher, where he replaced Tony Millar as chairman.

Roy Barber, recently at Raine, the trou-

builder and construction group, was formerly at the helm of Astra Holdings, the company at the centre of the arms-to-fran affair. Astra later called in the receivers; as did Bimec, a waste management and disposal company, where Barber held sway for 18

Then there is Liam Strong, tipped as a possible chief executive of British Airways before he signed up with Sears in September 1991. On his arrival, he was described as "a polished corporate player with a sharp efficient manner and considerable consumer marketing expertise". He had only one thing to say on his standing down as chief executive last month: Those bloody shoe shops." Selfridges, shoes and on-off deals with Littlewoods had taken their toll. He receives a golden handshake worth £400,000 to £500,000 in recognition of his "tremendous commitment and dedication" Pass the stethoscope.

Secret society

ONE of the most secretive and impenetrable organisations in the country threw its doors open yester-day, by taking the extraordinary step of advertising for staff in the national media, I had always assumed that one joined - too vulgar a word, that, one was selected - after a discreet approach in one's last year at Oxbridge Perhaps an interview with a friendly tutor with contacts in the right places, sounding out your reliability over tea and mustins?



"I see the chief executive has

dubious friends or acquaintances, to whom sensitive information might accidentally leak? No lapses in your private life that might cause embar-

But there it was, a strip across a full page in the Pink 'Un. "Opportunities in Corporate Finance," it said. "Acting for more than 340 UK companies and over 100 overseas companies, Cazenove & Co is London's leading corporate broker" Turn the page, and there's even a small ad for a South-East Asia sales trader too. An insider confirms that, indeed, this is a first for Caz Truly, the Cold War is over. Elsewhere in the press, MI5 were looking for intelligence officers, incongruously advertising among the social workers being sought in The Guardian. MIS? Huh. An open secret for years.

■ A RETAILER of "fine jewellery", is how Theodore Goddard, City law firm, describes Signet Group, ne Ratners. Funny, that isn't what Gerald Ratner used to call the stuff.

Life's a bitch

STAFF at M&G are settling in nicely in their swish new offices at Minster had to leave suddenly" . Court, which boasts the longest esca-



lator in Europe. The complex has, however, a previous tenant, I hear. with a colder heart than any City fund manager. She is Cruella de Ville, villain of 101 Dahnatians, as played by Glenn Close in the recent film, in which Minster Court was used as her office.

Foreboding

"MORE than 4" is the slogan of the GMB, campaigning for a minimum wage of E4 at least. But some disturbing news for employers reaches me from inside the union. Apparently, in preparation for what is clearly seen as a rolling campaign, a whole series of slogans has been dreamed up by John Edmonds, general secretary.

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and his men. "Strive for 5" is one. And there's "7 would be heaven". And "Can't wait for 8". Eight quid as a minimum hourly wage? Dream on. Alas, £6 is causing the image men a bit of a problem. "Fix on 6" has too much of a air of finality, about it.

• NO. THIS is true, I promise. Harold Morley, chairman of a deeply sinister-sounding company called Ultramind, was a little surprised to see his main product featured so heavily in the BBC's The Lying Game, presented by Angus Decyton, as the perfect lie detector. As was the inventor, Tuvi Orbach, who had designed the computer program as a stress reducer, a use on show at the Technology Investor Show at the Barbican yesterday ahead of the company's AIM float this year. Alas, higher stress levels apparently indicate a lack of respect for the truth, so the device has a useful second function. The BBC, it seems, never told him. Would I lie to you?

Signing off

THIS is also true. Well, my source was speaking in sign language, which allows for some difficulty in translation, but here goes. The Prudential, led by that nice Peter Davis, is in horrible trouble with the Securities and Investments Board for flogging wildly inappropriate investment products. The SIB put in a hit team for two months to go through the Pru

very carefully. It seems the investigators were rather surprised by the compliance officers at the Pru - a breed of men and women who are charged with upholding the law, but who used sign language to the Pru staff being interviewed to prevent them giving too much away. Extraordinary, but true, and pretty shaming. you would have thought. But it gets worse. I ring the Pru for confirmation. Says a spokesman, and please, he is only doing his job: "I've got no documentation on that." No, you wouldn't have; that is why they were using sign language.

MARTIN WALLER



Peter Davis would need to read between the signs with some staff

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C&W pays \$652m for stake in Panama telephones

By ERIC REGULY

CABLE and Wireless filled a gap in its Caribbean network vesterday with the purchase of 49 per cent of Intel. the Panamanian national phone company. for \$652 million.

The purchase is part of C&W's strategy of buying controlling stakes in overseas phone companies and held for investment pur-poses only. Dick Brown, chief executive of C&W, said: "We want to go into places where we can sustantially influence or control our investment."

The purchase came as C&W signalled that it is open to offers for its 30 per cent of Petersburg Long Distance, a telecoms company quoted on the Toronto exchange that provides international service in St Petersburg. The investment was made under Lord Young. C&W chief executive until late 1995.

C&W will have management and operating control of intel. The Panamanian Government will hold 49 per cent with the remaining 2 per cent held in trust for employees.

Intel is very profitable, with pre-tax earnings of \$153 million on turnover of \$246 million in 1996. C&W said that Intel will enhance earnings from the outset. Intel plans to invest several hundred million dollars over the next three to five years to upgrade and expand its network. It will include installing digital technology.

Mr Brown said that the potential for growth at Intel is good because Panama has only 12 phone lines per 100 head of population and the economy is growing strongly. Panama has been called the Hong Kong of Central

C&W plans to consolidate some of Intel's backoffice operations with those of its other Caribbephone companies. C&W is the dominant telecoms operator in the region, with monopoly businesses in most islands.



Gordon Campbell says Courtaulds has a sound platform for growth and he expects to make further advances this year

Boost for Courtaulds price as profits rise

COURTAULDS, the chemicals company that makes Tencel, the highly versatile fabric, enjoyed the rarity of a good day in the stock market as it managed to produce a small increase in its annual profits.

Shares in Courtaulds climbed 24p to 330¹2p, ending a slide from 487¹2p last October. The company has under-performed the market by 70 per cent over the past five years and was dropped from the FT-SE 100 index six months ago. Its shares reached 605p in 1993. Courtaulds made a pre-tax profit of £134 million in the vear to March 31, a 2 per cent rise from £131 million in the

previous year. Although this

fell short of the £160 million that was hoped for a year ago, Howard Evans, finance director, said analysts were pleased that net borrowings came in at £320 million, substantially below expectations. The borrowings, up from 5271 million, represent gearing of 46 per cent (38 per cent).

The company was hit by the strong pound and continuing overcapacity in viscose production. The fibre also has to struggle against a lack of fashionability. Courtaulds is cutting output at its Grimsby plant, but it believes more radical action may be needed to turn the business round. The fall in viscose profits obscured the progress made with Tencel, which made its first significant contribution to profits last year. This helped the fibres and chemicals division to increase operating profits 14 per cent to £65 million. The group is still unwilling to spell out the details of its Tencel business because of commercial sensitivity.

Tencel, made from wood pulp, feels like silk but is as tough as denim. Many of Courtaulds's hopes are pinned on the fibre, in which the group has already invested more than £360 million.

Courtaulds will begin producing Tencel from a third plant, also in Griznsby, in October. This will lift output to about 90,000 tonnes a year. A fourth plant, planned for Asia, is scheduled to open in 2000.

Operating profits from the coatings and sealants business rose 13 per cent to £81 million.

Most of the improvement came from cost savings over the past couple of years, and strong growth in the Par East. Gordon Campbell, chief executive, said Courtaulds has a

sound platform for growth and expects to make further advances this year. A final dividend of U.95p a share, due on July 31, makes a total 3 per cent up at 16.4p. nearly 80 per cent of earnings

Bluebird shares hit by setback in US sales

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES of Bluebird Toys plunged to a four-year low yesterday after it gave warning that its new range of Polly Pocket and Disney dolls had been given a cool reception in .

the United States.

The company, which relies on North America for 26 per cent of its business, said that it had suffered from "overcautious inventory management" by US tey shops, forcing this year's profits sharply below

The City, which had high: hopes for the Disney range, cut profit forecasts from £13 million to £9 million for this year, which would be Blue-bird's worst performance since the recession. The shares fell to 107 p from 169p.

Chris Burgin, chief execu-tive, said European sales, which make up two thirds of which make up two unrus of the business, were not suffer-ing. "The Polly Pocket and Disney brands are perform-ing satisfactorily in most ma-jor markets and continue to deminate the girly ministure. dominate the girls' miniature collectables sector."

The Disney range, launched last summer, was intended to help the company to overcome the slowing toy market after growth in de-mand for Polly Pocket, its core product, began to weak-en. Analysts attributed, the American slump to toy sellers who overordered Polly Pock-

ets last year. Many were left with dolls they could not sell.

One analyst said: "We're looking at basic human psychology: retailers had stock they couldn't shift in 1996 and are being more careful in making orders this time. They are not taking a long-term view, it's a hangover ... and it

Resilient ABH soars 37% after demerger

PRE-TAX profits for Airlines of Britain Holdings (ABH). which includes British Midland Airways, rose 37 per cent to £85 million in 1996, the company announced yesterday. British Midland contributed a pre-tax profit of £7.1 million (f4.9 million). The group's airlines carried 7.7 million passengers last year, a 7 per cent increase. Scheduled passengers carried by British Midland increased from 5.3 million in 1995 to 5.6 million in 1996.

Sir Michael Bishop, ABH chairman, said: "The group's airlines have recorded a satisfactory improvement in performances during a period of unprecedented competition, and proved resilient in adapting to the new market conditions." British Regional Airlines and Manx Airlines were restructured during the past two years and their activities were demerged from ABH in February 1997. In future they will report their results separately.

Coutts Consulting warns

SHARES in Courts Consulting fell from 4712p to 3512p after the group said that first-half earnings would be "significantly below those in the previous year. Stephen Johnson, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that some weakness had been evident in recent months, particularly in UK outplacement. Mr Johnson said: "Action has already been taken to reduce costs substantially." He said the group continued to trade profitably.

Cable firm losses deepen

GENERAL CABLE, one of the few remaining independent cable companies, said its "churn", or disconnection rate, rose from 23 per cent to 40 per cent in the quarter to March 31 as subscribers dropped their expensive cable-TV subscriptions and opted for cable-telephony services only. Charp rates have since recovered. General reported a quarterly loss of £21.8 million (£9.7 million. loss). The deeper loss was expected and was because of amortisation charges and network expansion costs.

Merchant raises stake

MERCHANT RETAIL GROUP, owner of Joplings stores and The Perfume Stop, is lifting its stake in A. de Grochy Holdings, which runs Jersey's premier department store, from 12.3 per cent to 28.7 per cent at a £4.36 million cost, met from cash and by a vention placing. Merchant had pre-tax profits of £1.77 million in the year to March 29 (£2.16 million loss). Earnings were 1.43p a share (3.27p-loss). The final dividend is 0.25p (nil). Merchant is raising 12 million in a placing to redeem preference shares.

Fenner buys Scandura

FENNER the UK power endpment maker, is acquiring Scandura Holdings, the North American conveyor beiting manufactures, for \$49 million. Scandura had trading income of \$11.6 million in 1996. The acquisition is to be part-funded from the proceeds of a £13.5 million vendor placing. Fenner also reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £8.7 million (£8.25 million) in the half-year to February 28. Earnings were 5.84p a share (5.51p). The dividend is 1.8p a share (1.7p).

Wilson Bowden sells

WILSON BOWDEN, the housebuilder and property developer, has sold Fort retail park in Edinburgh to Pillar Property investments for £41.8 million. The 128,000 so it warehouse development is under construction and scheduled for comopment group, said £17 million of the total price was payable on exchange and the balance after completion in September. Pillar will own 14 retail parks, worth about £210 million.

Strong retail market lifts Land Securities

LAND SECURITIES reported profits ahead of expectations yesterday and a triggering a surge in property shares. in the year to March 31. Land Securities made a pre-tax profit of £243.8 million (£237.6), at the top end of market expectations. Net asset value

rose to 783n a share from 691r Property analysts appeared to have underestimated the strength of the retail market, including retail warehouses and shopping centres. Yesterday they upgraded the NAV forecasts for the current year to around 900p.

The rise in pre-tax profits included a £14.5 million surplus from property sales, offset by a £6.4 million charge from the cancellation of two interest rate swaps

Stripping out these one-off factors, the underlying reveni se profit fell from £238.7 million to £235.7 million. However, this fall was the result of a development programme and

The value of Land Securities' portfolio grew 8.2 per cent to £5.76 billion. with 28 per cent of the value held in shops and offices in Victoria, central London, and the West End.

Sir Peter Hunt, who is to make way for Ian Henderson as managing director in July 1998 while remaining remains patchy: The future is somewhat uncertain as a result of the recent change of government, but we are that new policies will create sufficient: confidence to add further stimulus to the property market." A final dividend of 19.65p, due on July 14, makes a total of Z7p (26p) for the year. Land Securities shares rose 30p to 874p, MEPC rose 14½p to 500½p and British Land 28 to 589p. However, demand was disappoint-

convertible bond issue, despite John Ritbiat, the chairman, saying on Tuesday that the deal had met exceptional demand in Europe.

Menace to a bold innovation

Tony Sainsbury finds little to

cheer about in Acca's secession

n 1973 the Association of Certified Accountants set up an institute of Accounting Staff TAS, and in 1978 the other three London-oased chartered accommunity by dies established an Association of Ace uning Techniques (Atla). There was no significant difference in aim. Bein bodies were created to provide a junior but professional qualification, originally intended mainly for the benefit of the support staff employed by the monthers of the รางกระชากว่าใหญ่ในเรื่องเ

Alla was especially careful to deprecate any reference to a necond term budy, and it and LAS were becies separate from their spensors, and were indeed expected to make their num ways in the world. From the staft, busineser, there were some to whom it seemed that a deft truth of Octain's right should procest so unacensary a multipiezare in of entities.

and especially at a time when Congrament and many memhere of the protession could not comprehend why the six senior. chartered houses had failed to the runks. Perrups having orly two juner is dies was to be ezen a sam adhance. But having e horizal integrals in at the setier level the English Institute finied by a fantalisingly minute margin to persuade its own membership into any closer a contain with the other five,

and there were audible and, to a growing number of critics, understandable warnings from the Covernment that unless the profession got its act nagether it might find itself under marching orders in that direction. Another, more limited, effort was made elsewhere and failed. and the critics became more restless. It was in this context that two of the then presidents — Eric Sayers, of the English Institute, and Edmund Gibbs. of the Certified - agreed that something must be done to demanstrate that at least some of the senior hadies could work together, it may seem now more apparent than it did then that they chose to make this point at the expense of the two junior hodies rather than threaten the precurious peace between their

six and older seniors. They were praised, and rightly, for their foresight and firmness of purpose in promoting and carrying through the merg-The one-to-one relation of the

er of the two junior nodies. IAS to Accu, the Certified body, made that part of the business easter than for Alfa, but all went through though Acca chose to keep the name of IAS under its control in case of fature mischief. There were few protest resignations and the problems inherited by the new association were overcome. All seemed well: integration had been shown to



Tony Sainsbury says the second-tier concept is being revived

he lessible and acceptable. The situation was enhanced by the Scettish Institute becoming the lifth spresoning body in 1980; it was only after thorough discussion that the Irish finally decided not to become the sixth. AAT was established and fleurished here and abroad.

its members were found in a widening range of jobs in an

increasing number of countries; its qualification was the first junker one to be recognised by IFAC. Some students regarded it as a route to membership of a sponsoring body, and some senior tridies were more accommodating than others. I said more than once that I hadn't

joined to be CO of a transit

camp. But the membership

as he then was, our founder president 20 years ago. But how very sad it is to see such apparently sudden unitateral and reactionary behaviour

coalesced, and students continued to enroi; their numbers may yet reach that millennial hun-

dred predicted by Mike Lickiss,

on the part of a sponsoring body as the secession of the Acca, and its establishment of a new junior qualification. If the new CAT (Certified Accounting Technician) does not belong to a separate body, and holds only a secondary qualification of the Accu, then the old concept of a second tier is revived. Presumably a CAT cannot equate to a member of AAT.

A bold, deserving and suc-cessful innovation that has been well understood for nearly 20 vears has been menaced in a quite extraordinary manner on unconvincing grounds. This is more than regrettable. I write less as the first secretary of the AAT than as a survivor of those who followed that enlightened presidential lead and signed the Ment and Arts of a new body in which they all believed, jointly and severally, as well as on behalf of the bodies they all

in particular I record with great and genuine regret the reversal by one of those bodies of one of the more statesmanlike steps with which it has been associated, and especially the way in which it chose to take

Torty Sainsbury was the founder secretary of the AAT.

Reinventing the past for the present good very so often the great accountancy

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firms follow the business fashions of the day so assiduously that they find they have reinvented their old heartlands. In their passion for creating new services and better and better ways to satisfy their clients' every need, they discover that what they are offering is nothing new but simply the sort of stuff they never should have strayed from.

Take management consultancy. Once upon a time, the services offered had a simple motivation. The firms could provide a team of bright people with wide experience of under-standing how companies achieved both-success and failure. It was a simple client service and it sprang from the basic belief that what accountancy firms were strongest at was

providing advice and judgment.

Then the firms started looking at what the US market thrived upon and looked at how Arthur Andersen, via the explosive growth of Andersen Consulting, was doing here. There was a difference. Put simply, US firms did not major in stivice; that was

what the dominant lawyers did. Instead they installed systems. And very profitable work it was, and is, too. So the UK followed suit. Consultants became systems installers, and, as the techno logical possibilities for the scope and capabilities of systems expanded enormously, so the consultancies grew in profitability and reputation:

Global systems were in-stalled for clients. The cost to a client of a system that would ensure that invoices were processed and analysed in an identical and linked way in Kuala Lumpur, Kano and Kalamazoo was astronomical. The accountancy firms were happy indeed.

But clients do persist in wanting advice as well as systems. And now the firms are in effect recreating old-fashioned advisory systems. Price Waterhouse has just announced a business regeneration" service. The firm describes this as a fresh approach in rebuilding value in companies". The aim is to build up a unit of people with direct industry and business experience and then use them to develop and then implement what the firm calls a value

recovery plan" for flagging companies.
Initially they expect these to be subsidiaries of existing clients which need rather more than a simple gingering up. This is what the old consultancy firms used todo. The only difference is in the packaging of the service and the idea that the firm wishes to participate in the risk and

would like an equity stake. If things go badly then they would lose their fees. If things go well then accountants would become as rich as directors and owners. It is not the sort of risk/reward deal that most company staff have. But accountants are never short of knowing where the financial advantages lie.

There is another reason for this type of new development. We appear to be at that point in the business cycle at which people start to believe that they can do anything and make a sortene out of it. In the past in the accountancy profession that has always meant mergers. And true to form, the rumours, and the action, in the US is mergers. There has been a strong rumour that Merrill Lynch thinks that buying a large accountancy practice would create an unstoppable force in the corporate finance world. And American Express has been buying up smaller firms in the belief that some sort of financial services synergy will come of it.

Here in the UK the speculation is that one of

the large accounting firms will buy a law firm. As someone said to me last week: "When is KPMG going to buy Norton Rose?" It is the sort of move that would fit. with the times. But it wouldn't necessarily make sense. The conflicts of interest in large corporate finance deals would be expected to outweigh advantages. The other discouragement for accountancy firms, though they wouldn't want to admit it, is that City lawyers earn lots more than City accountants

on a per partner basis. All the excursions that the firms have made into the legal arena have been the buying of chunks of niche

business, particularly in fields such as intellectual property. The only sort of large merger that might make sense would be for a firm to buy a legal practice with a strong and complementary regional net-work, such as Eversheds or Dibb Lupton...

The medium-sized accountancy firms are having a very exciting time. The strong ones. such as Grant Thornton and BDO Stoy Hayward, are finding that they too can stock up with small niche firms almost at will. The rest are simply losing business and parmers.
So this may be the only boom period in recent history in which the accountancy firms

find that reinventing the past is genuinely more profitable than going for the grand strategy. At least, until the possible American mega-mergers swamp them.

Customs closes jobs loophole

THE EMPIRE strikes back. After years of seeing their brightest and best scroped up by the large accountancy firms, Customs and Excise has decided it is about time to go on the recruiting offensne itseif.

A lurid advertisement will appear in the specialist tax press depicting a rope coiled into loopholes. "Find them. Close them", says the advertin best tough-old-copper style. The VATmen, weary of losing out to what they see as ludicrously artificial taxavoidance schemes, want half a dozen skilled accountants to head up their push to be rather more effective at curieing the incenious efforts of the

Motivation, with a salary range of £35,000 to £70,000, is expected to be more to do with the morality of tax rather than with the wages of sin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Watching game

EXPECT some attempt at clientswapping over the balcony rulings this Sunday Both Conpers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse have been in the

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weekend's cricket international

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be encouraged to watch the

MOTOR RACING could not have found a better finance director. David Wilson, the ebullient ex-Ernst & Young partner

and more recently. Ladbroke

finance director, has joined the board of Bernie Ecclestone's Formula One enterptise. A Streatham, lad he still enjoys "a game of footie" with his old mates on a Saturday morning. But it is his choice in ties that will endear him to the grand prix fraternity. They mostly leature lurid women and last cars. During Ladbroke board meetings he used to have to keep his jacket closed. Now he will be able to include his own inimitable unbuttoned style.

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■ FILM 1 :

Crude, funny and brash, Beavis and Butt-head holds a crazy mirror up to middle America



FILM 2

while Love and Other Catastrophes is a frisky and friendly portrait of campus life





FILM 3

Authentic St Petersburg settings, but the new Anna Karenina never defrosts



FILM 4

. and Jungle 2 Jungle rehashes a very whiskery plot to no great effect

CINEMA: If you can forget about good taste you might enjoy the exhilarating idiocy of Beavis and Butt-head, says Geoff Brown

Disney make of Beavis and Butt-head, the teenage morons of TV animation, now let loose on the big screen? Disney approached the vulgar by accident remember the way the bottoms of two Cupids form a heart shape in Fantosia? But the stars of Beavis and Butt-head Do America only know crude thoughts and deeds. Adolescents with raging hormones, low IQs and the life experience of couch potatoes, they are obsessed with music videos, sexual innuendo, and scoring with "chicks". This is not the world

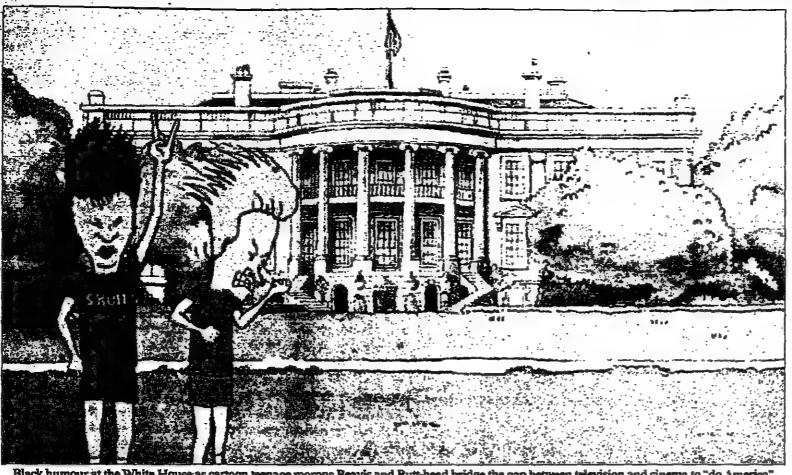
Mickey Mouse knew. Nor does it look like it. In the grand days of Hollywood animation, efforts were made to paint the fantastic with panache, and give characters enough movement and weight to instil a living spirit. These chumps scarcely move their mouths as a flimsy plot gets them off their couch, travelling cross-country to Washington DC in search of sex with a redneck's wife. Everything is so crudely drawn that the film might actually be made by Beavis and Butt-head, not the characters' creator. Mike Judge, and a supporting array of artists. Even animation in 1915 had more grace and fluidity than this.

The lack of finesse is part of the film's two-fingered artitude, and its satire of the teenage mind. This is more a film to be heard than watched, like a dialogue-heavy TV sitcom. The audience at the screening I attended even sounded like a TV laugh track. roaring loudly but briefly, pitched to the staccato script.
For fans of the TV series

there is much to laugh at as the dunderheads mix with the Hoover Dam, nums, and a container of a deadly virus (sewn into Beavis's pants). Nor will neophytes be wasting their time. Look beyond the crudities, and you peer into a crazy mirror reflecting the state of middle America. Not for nothing does Judge live in. Austin, Texas, stompling ground of the director Richard Linklater. What are Beavis and Butt-head but dim-writted versions of the loafers and pop-culture obsessives who populate Slacker?

The desert is "stupid". one of them. says. They need to put a drinking fountain here." They can barely read their own names. Toilets fascinate them, especially those where you activate the flush by a movement of hands (the coolest thing I've ever seen"). "I think one reason people like to watch them." Judge says, "is, because they say things that most people would never be stupid enough to let out of their mouths." Their idiocy is surprisingly: exhilarating; but to be carried away you must forget about good taste and polished animation.

Youth has its fling, too, in Love and Other Catastroplies. But these are university. students in Melbourne. bogged down in library fines, love, a search for the perfect room-mate, and a thesis on Doris Day: You don't need the



Feisty, sexist and funny

Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest releases...

☐ BEAVIS AND **BUTT-HEAD**

Tim Thornton, 21: A surprisingly entertaining film from the animated stars of MTV television. And two wonderful cameo performances from Willis and Demi

Damian Samuels, 19: This is really Wayne's World meets The Simpsons meets Thelma and Louise. An innuendufilled romp that provided the

odd laugh.

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18:
Unlike the TV series, this was genuinely funny. Forget your expectations: sit back and

Sarah Crook, 18: A feisty, sexist comedy which wurked brilliantly.

□ ANNA KARENINA Tim: A very tedious waste of celluloid.

imitate the atmosphere of Dr Zhivago - but fails by some way. Sean Bean and Sophie Marceau lack lustre in this lengthy, limp Len Tolstoy clas-

Leslie: Anna Karenina? More Anna cream-crackered! This was long and boring — so dull, in fact, that I actually fell

Sarah: An epic-looking movie but without a heart. Definitely one to avoid.

☐ JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE Tim: An uninspiring Crocodile Dundee for the 1990s. Damian: If you are looking for a laugh, you're in for a long wait in this hulf-hearted Disney comedy.

Leslie: A cornedy without laughs? I think so. A painful way to spend a couple of Sarah: I unterly disagree, It was actually wild and

roaringly funny!

Hail the cool kings of crude

Beavis and Butthead Do America Empire, 12, 81 mins TV morons reach the big

C71277 Love and Other Catastrophes Metro, 15, 79 mins

Rejuvenating college romp from Australia Anna Karenina Odeon Haymarket, 15, 108 mins

Tolstoy turns trite Jungle 2 Jungle Warner West End, PG, 105 mins

Predictable comedy No Way Home Virgin Haymarket, 18, 93 mins Indie drama needs a blood transfusion

press kit to tell you that Emma-Kate Croghan, the director, was 23 when she made this late in 1995. The film leaps along, frisky as a puppy: just the thing to revive a genre, the college movie, that had seemed dead on its feet.

Shooting time was 17 days. Money was short. Luckily, youdon't need money to write a . bright script: Croghan's, writ-ten with other student friends. neatly captures the hothouse dramas of campus life without self-conscious posturing.

We spend one day with the

characters. There's a roommate to find for film students Mia and Alice. Mia (Frances O'Connor) also has the whopping library fine to pay. Meanwhile, Alice (Alice Garner) has her unfinished thesis. Other headaches include lesbian jealousy, sudden death, and Ari, a gigolo emboldened by his mother's advice, pace Sir Arnold Bax, to "try anything once, except incest and folkdancing".

The cast, new faces all. prance through the events vith ease. The pace is fast, and the film soon recovers from the odd numble caused by Croghan's direction or kinks in the script. Too much of the product aimed at young audiences seems programmed by worn-out computers; but this freewheeling delight, the week's happiest film, comes straight from life.

The new Anna Karenina returns us to unreality. True, the St Petersburg settings are authentic, but it takes more than long tracking shots through ballrooms delirious with gilt to make a movie live and breathe. There must be compelling emotions, believable characters, images that do not appear plucked from a manual on how to be David Lean without the talent or

All these are absent. The director, Bernard Rose. showed proficiency with flashy horror movies, but his work has turned both ponderous and trite since he went upmarket. As with his Beethoven biography Immortal Beloved. the film has that Europudding taste. The language swings from English to subtitled Russian; accents lurch equally.

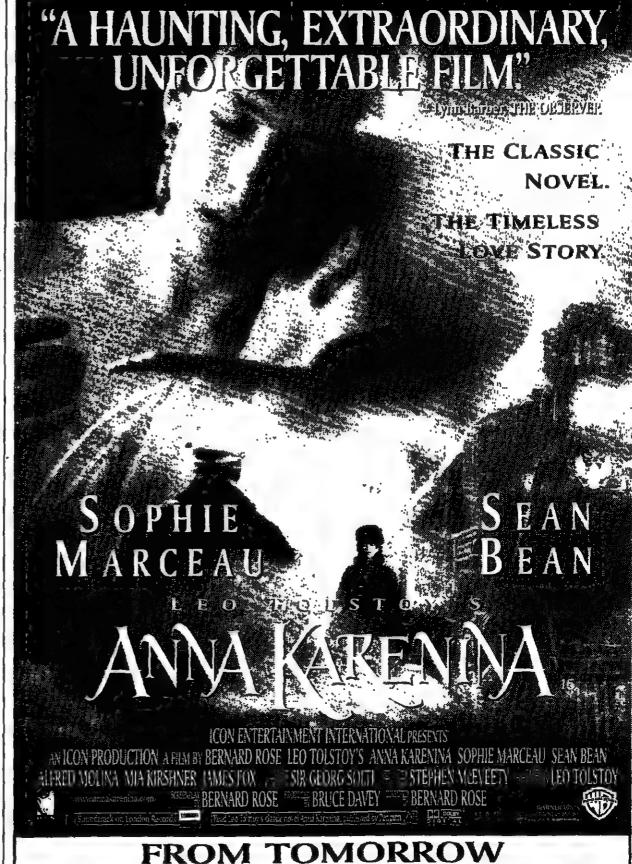
As Anna, Sophie Marceau does little to hide her French nationality, while Sean Bean eliminates charisma from Vronsky, the Count who captures the lonely wife's heart. If never feel it. Only James Fox, as Karenin, makes a decent fist of his part, starting frostily, thawing slowly as his wife's affair unravels. A CD's worth of pop Russian classics on the soundtrack puts the lid on a film that never summons enough reasons to exist.

In 1994, a French comedy about a boy raised in the wilds of South America at large in Paris's urban jungle delighted local audiences. The Disney folk took note of Un Indian dans la ville, and the unappealing, unoriginal result is Jungle 2 Jungle. The film, directed by John Pasquin, is a vehicle for rumpled TV comic Tim Allen, following his suc-cess in The Santa Clause.

ts script keeps close to the original. Self-centred father, a commodities . trader, discovers long separated wife has brought up a son in the Amazon jungle Son comes to New York with bow and arrow, loincloth and spider. Havoc follows. Son learns of city ways; father rediscovers humanity: audience falls asleep.

. A little snooze is possible

too, during No Way Home, a low-budget, low-voltage feature from American independent hopeful Buddy Giovi-nazzo. Tim Roth — head shaved, accent massaged -plays a gentle ex-prisoner sheltering with his brother in Staten Island, and dragged mto trouble against his will. Giovinazzo's script focuses on characters; performances are tautly controlled. But the film still seems undernourished. waiting to be kicked into life by some complication that never arrives. Boring title, too.



AT SELECTED CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY







■ CHOICE I

Steven Berkoff plays Coriolanus in his production of the Shakespeare drama VENUE: Tonight at the



CHOICE 2

A new exhibition. featuring paintings by Claude Monet, opens in Glasgow VENUE: From today at the McLellan Galleries

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■ VIDEOS

Geena Davis 🔿 goes into spectacular action in The Long Riss Goodnight.



■ RECORDS

James Levine flies with the Dutchman; Robert White dips into the parlour songbook

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TODAY'S CHOICE A daily guide to arts

compiled by Gillian Maxey

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A FILM situated on the far side of the preposterous. The cheeky excess goes some way to soften the slick, casual violence that dogs the footsteps of Geena Davis, an amnesiac heroine who finally remembers her calling as a CIA hitwoman. Samuel L. Jackson's small-time detective, a cheerful loser with sloppy clothes and a tart tongue, supplies a human face in between the spectacular thrills with knives, guns, cars and Niagara Falls. Available to

DRAGONHEART

CIC. PG, 1996 BIZARRE patchwork fantasy, with Dennis Quaid as a medieval knight who forms an unlikely alliance with a 43ft dragon to free the country from the grip of its tyrannical king (David Thewlis). The story suffers from being stitched together from assorted myths and movies, but the dragon — a wise old thing, the last of its kind — is superbly realised by the special-effects team. The dragon talks, too, with the distinctive voice of Sean Connery. Available to rent.

THE EIGHTH DAY Electric, PG, 1996

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II, with the Met chorus in fine shape and Deborah Voight in securest voice as Senta. Levine takes her Ballad very slowly. but Voight copes with this, making Senta a sturdy girl, in contrast to the lovesick creature Anja Silja conveyed in the Bayreuth recording under Sawallisch. Voight overshadows Morris throughout the duet which closes the act.

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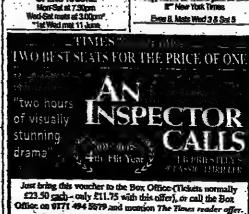
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one's life and sitting through it as seldom as possible. Directors of eminence, beginning with Peter Brook's celebrated 1955 serviced starting Olivier, try to turn it into something valuable by leading it with style. They go for Japanese minimalism or gilded magnificence or tile the stage with everything but or pile the stage with everything but the kitchen sink. Sometimes even the sink is included, along with the kitchen stove where Titus can bake the pies containing the heads of Tamora's bad boys.

None of this does more than a moment's good Warnellous visuals,

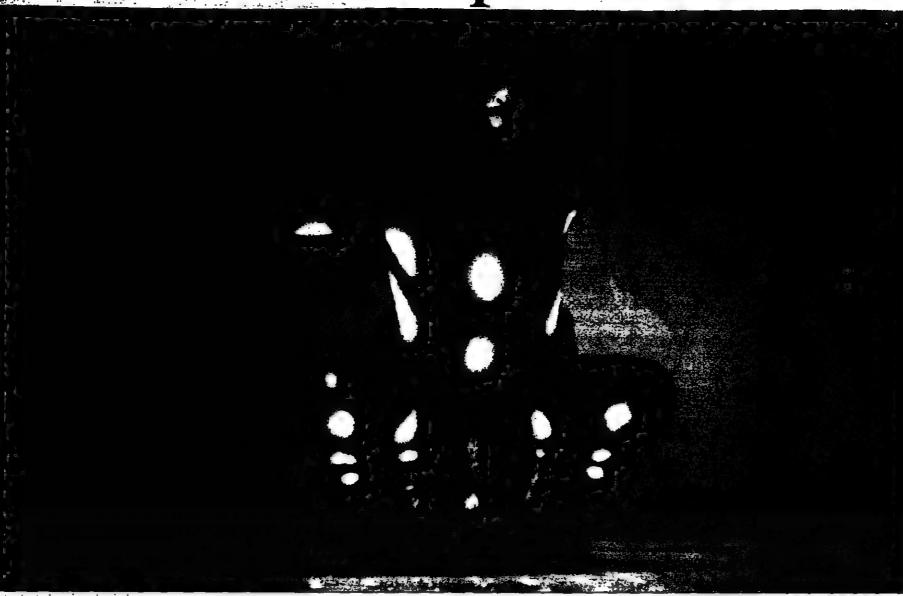
Titus Andronicus

Lyric, Hammersmith yes, like those to be seen here in

Silviu Purcarete's touring production (in Romanian) performed by the National Theatre of Craiova. But the result is what? If gilding the lily is held to be folly, with Titus you are gilding groundsel.
So how does Purcarese ser about

animating these two and a half. hours of rhetorical rant, where beastly bloody butchery tips Titus's tottering wits? He uses curtains a lot, a black and a white, sometimes turned by lighting to a gory scarlet or ironic mauve. A curtain descends in front of a group of characters, and completely descended and lies in heaped folds on the stage, a new grouping is in place to take the action forward. This makes for a swiftly flowing succession of scenes in a play that darts about Rome from palace to private room, out to the Forum and away into the forest where devilish deeds are donearound a putrid pit.

A falling curtain can also envelop a character who stands against it. and when it is lifted, lot he itas left the stage. Aaron, the fiendish Moor, holds his violin against the curtain and it remains there, five feet above the ground - beld, of course, by someone on the other side. This is no



Light show. Hie Gheorghe's Aaron is netted and pierced with a dozen spears in Silviu Purcarete's touring production (in Romanian), but there's a final sting in his tail

more than a visual joke but laughter dies next time when it is Lavinia who is invisibly held, and rape and tongue-ripping are to follow. Ozana Oances's sustained trembling after the atrocity is a powerful image. Purcanete comes up with many others. Tamora's two sons are

played like identical, axe-wielding

Sumo wrestlers, blubbery ponytailed boors who pad about the stage in unison, farcically malevolent. Ubu Rot's symbol of a whirling spiral projected onto the curtain, hints at the target the director may be aiming for: Thugs Rule, and it's not OK. Ilie Gheorghe's Aaron is netted and pierced with a dozen

spears, like the White Queen's ball of knitting. Why does he not appear at the end to take his bow? Because he waits for us on the stairs outside.

in this early play Shakespeare's dramatic language is mostly dreadful yet jewels do occur, though I cannot say how many are pres

in this ruthlessly cut version. Of Stefan Iordache's performance in the title role I can describe his appearance (grizzled, wearing a woolly cap like the top half of a seaurchin), his manner (grumpy, grunting with mad laughter) and behaviour (tipping Lavinia off the

Since I can say nothing of any subtleties of voice he may be employing, his interpretation comes across as lavish with externals but impoverished within. Not that Shakespeare gives him much to

Jeremy Kingston

ness of it all as the dead sit waiting their turn like the ghosts of Christmas past. While some performances

are occasionally too muted to carry, Howard's careful, understated approach works wonders without ever resorting to bluster, bombast or big bangs for effect as momentum gathers and scenes overlap. There are brave performances from both Liam Brennan and Anne Marie Timoney, the latter looking so heart-breakingly haunted as to make one weep, while Meg Fraser's Natalia is an appealing mix of timidity and resilience as she meets both maker and destroyer.

Yet it's a swarthy Forbes Masson who runs the show as Artemis, a warped conjuror pointing the finger and bleeding the truth out of people like poison as he painstakingly peels back the layers. [Husion. of course, doesn't last. Only here, do that.

NEIL COOPER

Radio UK) the station misjudged the market. The American idea of shock jocks, which in Talk's version seemed to involve presenters insulting listeners, did not play well among the British, who prefer to go for a drive if

they wish to be shouted at. Within a few months of Talk going on air in February 1995 there were predictions of an early demise. But now, after at least two facelifts, there is every indication that Talk is here to stay. And Talk deserves to stay, for it is a vastly improved network which has had the courage to face its

failings and correct them. Radio audience figures are notoriously difficult to read, for they are measured in

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weekly reach, which means the number of people who listen in a given week. Talk's reach for the first quarter of this year was 1.8 million but January-March figures rarely flatter radio stations, and estimates of a 2.3 million average

may not be overly optimistic. Talk Radio dumped the shock jocks after six months but then switched to a policy which was no more productive. It brought in star names such as Simon Bates and Trevor McDonald, but further research suggested that the audience did not want personality presenters but presenters with personality. So there was another shift in the middle of

This Sunday Anna Raeburn returns to the station. She will do a Sunday afternoon programme and an evening show (Monday-Thursday) but this is not a shift back to star presentnetwork based on phone-ins

needs an agony aunt. Raeburn is being paid more than E90,000 a year so she will not need to ring herself up asking how to make ends meet. But there is plenty of money in commercial radio; indeed, Raeburn went to Liberty FM last year for twice what Talk will now pay her to

ne of Talk's makeover achievements has been to get the right shows with the right present-ers at the right time of day. Lorraine Kelly at lunchtime and Peter Deeley, the former LBC presenter, in the lateafternoon drivetime slot give Talk a combination of liveliness and professionalism. qualities which are also abundant in the three-hour morning slot from 9am.

This is hosted by Scott Chisholm, the former Sky TV presenter. Chisholm is an excellent phone-in host, mainly because he understands the issues in the news and therefore understands when callers are talking tubbish.

There is anecdotal evidence that quality presenters serve to improve the quality of the audience, implying a dimin-ished amount of rubbish talked. I remain highly sceptical of phone-ins as a measure of the national mood, but there are moments in Chisholm's programme when one gets a sense of a nation genuinely talking to itself. That can only be good. 👙 🏸

PETER BARNARD

Sizzling Caribbean crowd-pleasers

JAZZ: Chris Parker picks out the highlights of a St Lucia festival that had something hot for everyone

iven the avowed aim
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broaden the variety of jazz offered to cater for all tastes" - the choice of New Orleans trumpeter Nicholas Payton as its opening concert hall attraction was singularly feficitous. Equally at home: with the strictly traditional music forever associated with his home town and the polished neo-classicism of his most celebrated leader. Wynton Marsalis, Payton exudes a passion to communicate in every note that rips, smears, growls or cascades

from his instrument. Sharing front-line duties with the lush, agile alto player Jesse Davis and the vigorously sparkling planist Anthony Wonsey, Payton delighted the audience without over-reliance either on virtuosic grandstanding or unadventurous adherence to the familiar. For those who like their jazz whip-smart. accessible and joyous, with solos that tell a story. Payton is hard to beat. All tastes were even better

catered for by bassist Christian McBride. His dramatically delayed stage entrance, not to mention an eye-catching cream-coloured suit, signalled his intention to spice up his prodigious bass-playing talents with more than a pinch of showmanship. Accordingly, after a couple of sizzling workouts of original acoustic material from his latest album, Number Two Express, he suddenly transformed his quartet into a rough approximation of Miles Davis's electric Bitches Brew band by strapping on a bass guitar and having pianist Charles Graham play keyboards. McBride's closing James Brown tribute, involving his pirouetting, juggling defity with the mike stand, set the seal on the definitive crowdpleasing performance.

After such excitement, Pharoah Sanders had his work cut out to regain the audience's attention, but his audience's attention, but his cautair salthough there was simply beautiful.

human tenor sound, urged on by the sensitive drumming of Terri Lyne Carrington, did rekindle the flame, particularly on his characteristically hypnotic anthem The Creator Has a

Master Plan.
The weekend saw activity transferred to the open-air Pigeon Island park. Hilton Ruiz and the Latin Jazz Ensemble kicked off pro-



Carlos Santana: perfect closing performance

ceedings here with a typically jaunty arrangement of Wayne Shorter's Footprints, in which - such is the easy versatility of such Latin-jazz stars as trombonist Steve Turre, flautist Dave Valentin and trumpeter Charlie Sepulveda, not to mention the pungent saxophone of Sonny Fortune - Latin rhythms and flowing jazz improvisation did not so much coexist as fuse naturally.

The ensemble's soloists were back the following day. their Latin jazz harnessed this time by local composer/ saxophonist Luther François in an adventurous extended suite also involving the strings of Quartet Indigo. a steel-pan section and Trinidadian soca singer David

stage presence and his some initial awkwardness, uniquely rasping, intensely once the band settled into a groove, its great solo strengths asserted themselves. Francois himself proved to be a garrulous but always cogent tenor player, but at the heart of the band's success was again pianist Hilton Ruiz consistently in-jecting just enough Latin rhythm into: the mix to enliven it.

American trumpeter Chuck Mangione also ventured into Latin territory in his set, but failed to emulate Ruiz's elegant assurance in the process. Mangione never quite made his performance cohere, an accusation that could never be made about the festival's main attraction,

Fronting a typically per-cussion-heavy band along-side keyboardist Chester Thompson and vocalist Tony Lindsay, Carlos Santana turned in the perfect festivalclosing performance, his gui-tar alternately soaring and screaming over the chatter of timbales and congas or crooning softly over Benny Rictveld's propulsive bass. Marvin Gaye's Right On and a Bob Marley medley effortlessly won the crowd's devotion, and from then on the two-hour set became a feast of mutual admiration between performers and audience. Culminating in a blistering selection of vintage Santana fare - Black Magic Woman, Guajira and many more — the music fused Latin and rock with a high degree of assurance.

For sheer visceral excitement, Santana were undoubtedly the highlight of this rich and varied festival: but its keynote was struck elsewhere, in the beautiful surroundings of Windjammer Landing. Shirley Horne, confiding her whispered love-paeans to a Caribbean night filled with the sounds of rustling palm leaves and whirring insects, summed up the festival ambience, irresistibly conjuring up St Lucia's slogan -

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Nuclear family

ACCIDENTS happen. Most can be patched up with whatever size Bandaid is required. But when the Chernobyl nuclear power plant blew a The stark, clinical light of the present is replaced by the hole through every safety net going Il years ago, the wounds were more gaping than most. The fact that it rose-tinted glow of the past as the story unwraps itself like a happened in the former Soviet Union, a country set to bandage, it's a story of Nata-lia's fiance, Viktor, a scientist explode in so many different directions, was an unfortunate irony.

Deep down in the bunker of

the Traverse's smaller studio space, devoid of natural light. Catherine Czerkawska's sombre, hauntingly elegiac play -the first to be directed by the new Traverse artistic director, Philip Howard - looks at the human consequences of the disaster rather than blinding us with science. This is done via the living memories of Natalia, a young woman returning to the scene of the crime, depicted here as a theme park heaven hiding the hell within. There she meets Artemis, a stranger who opens the door to her pain.

Seldom has a sonata cycle had so much greatness thrust upon it. Maurizio

Pollini's Beethoven was the musical event of London's

cultural year before it had even begun. Each of the seven

Beethoven Forum.

ducing all notions, all argu-

long: from the beautifully

placed and halanced opening

chords through to the explora-

tion inward from that first

high shaft of light, Pollini

seemed to be amassing a new

strength from deep inside the

work, the listener finding in

turn a sense of cumulative

Pollini had needed that

strength. Despite all that has

been written about and invest-

ed in these recitals, the playing has not been consistently

great, and only cars pre-tuned

by expectation or preconcep-tion could have heard other-

wise. Tuesday's recital revealed a hint of sheer weari-

in the plant, turning a blind eye to abuse of safety codes. Of her sister, Tanya, haunted by apocalyptic dreams, and her husband. Stefan, a fireman. It's a story, too, of Anton, the face of the future. All the while, Artemis prods mixture of the world-weary and the manic which only

and pokes Natalia with a those that know the ugly truth are capable of. Seemingly judge, jury and conscience of the tomb-like place, Artemis is both cynical angel and louche devil. Or, if you prefer, plain things bubbling along. Either way, the denouement, when it comes, symbolically signposted as it is, still leaves one

its-sleeve worthiness in more general theatrical concerns remains to be seen. But. despite falling back at times on wet liberal soothsaying to make its point, this is no mere documentary scare-story.

Wormwood

Traverse, Edinburgh

reeling, simply because you know it happened.

If this weren't the case, the

whole thing could be dis-missed as B-movie hokum,

though whether this points

towards a return to heart-on-

Rather, it is a clean, briskly poetic piece of theatre, played out on Angela Davies's vast tiled floor, that's both laboratory and living room. Stripped bare of clutter, the production never loses sight of its own artifice, which in turn helps to stress the awful

RECITAL: Hilary Finch finds flaws creeping into an epic Beethoven cycle Fatigued fingers

Maurizio Pollini Festival Hall

recitals is preceded by a worthy talk, on subjects such as The Progress of a Method and ness in the second movement Late Beethoven as a Metaof the Op 90 Sonata. Both phor. And last weekend, to within Pollini's wonderfully precede the penultimate recitveiled undertones for Beethoal, heavyweights such as ven's dreaming song, and in Charles Rosen and George the slow, yearning movement of the Op 101 Sonata, there Steiner assembled for The was an acute sense of the performer longing to retreat And then, on Tuesday, came the vast, still centre of the awhile from projection and Hammerklavier Sonata, refrom public scrutiny, and to renew his own responses. Who would not feel so after perments, all words to their properly subordinate and diforming the entire cycle in minutive stature. Pollini did seven European and Amerinot even need to linger overcan cities, three of them al-

ready during this season? In purely technical terms, this weariness of spirit revealed itself in moments when rhythmic definition and contrapuntal shaping appeared in constantly low relief. Phrasing and structure would become uncharacteristically blurred; taut, crisp fingerwork would fail to go further and propel a movement's inner energies. The implied syncopation within the Vivace alla Marcia of the Op 101 was somewhat flattened out, and the opening movement of the Hammerklavier seemed a struggle, albeit a thrilling one, in which

the entire body was straining

uniquely to Pollini's playing. But the physical journey may well be eroding the musical one: Beethoven's world must always remain so much larger foothills of this great work. There was on Tuesday, it

almost goes without saying, so much of true beauty, of gentle revelation, and of the clearsighted vision which belong

The choir in last week's Philip Glass concerts (re-Crouch End Festival Chorus



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How to have more fun in the oven

Alastair Little plans to carry his roasts to Rose and Ruth's place

must confess to extreme jealousy with regard to Rose Gray and Ruth Rogers. I'm jealous of their restaurant, with its beautiful dining room, I'm jealous of their zeal and talent for stalian food, the outstanding success of their first cookbook and most of all I'm jealous of their woodburn-

Fitting one of these in either of my restaurants is technically difficult and prohibitively expensive — a dream 1 will never realise. So what do they go and do next? Publish a new book extoling the oven's vir-tues. Maldon salt is rubbed in my wounds by whole sections of this book, recipes for woodroasted vegetables, woodroasted lobster and squid for so long a standard of the River Cafe and always grilled, is now, of course,

wood-roasted. At first glance half to use this wonderful device. Wood burning

ovens are a bit hard to find in West London, or anywhere else

for that matter, except central Italy. You can buy a small but perfect one from Books for Cooks, a snip at £1,500. Rose and Ruth assert that comparale results can be achieved in a normal domestic oven and this may be so - but they could have supplied us with more instruction as to the precise techniques required.

Tradition has it that peasant Italians in days gone by would take their assembled roasts and dishes to the local baker's, who would cook them in his oven as it cooled down after he had finished baking his bread. Perhaps we could triumphantly bear the wonderful dishes from this cookbook to Hammersmith to be cooked in the River Café oven.

Apart from this slight problem, this book is much more

Ruth have progressed enormously as cooks, the River Café improving from a hesitant start as a canteen to take its place among the great resturants of the world. They now seem to be doing the same with their books, communicating the gospel to a very large public. This is not a chatty or folkloric cookbook, it is a simple collection of recipes. It is not a particularly practical book but it is an inspirational one. Here are some of the

things that inspired me: The entire section on soups is outstanding, particularly the fresh broad bean minestrone. These women understand what soups are all about, or at least we agree in our choices. The bread section is equally good: there is a simple recipe for sour dough bread — in the past I've been put

off by complicat-THE RIVER ed and lengthy recipes for this culinary icon. No CAFE COOKBOOK II more I'm going By Rose Gray and to have a go. There is a recipe Ruth Rogers Ebury Press, £25 ISBN 009 185170 X for slow-cook shoulder of pork,

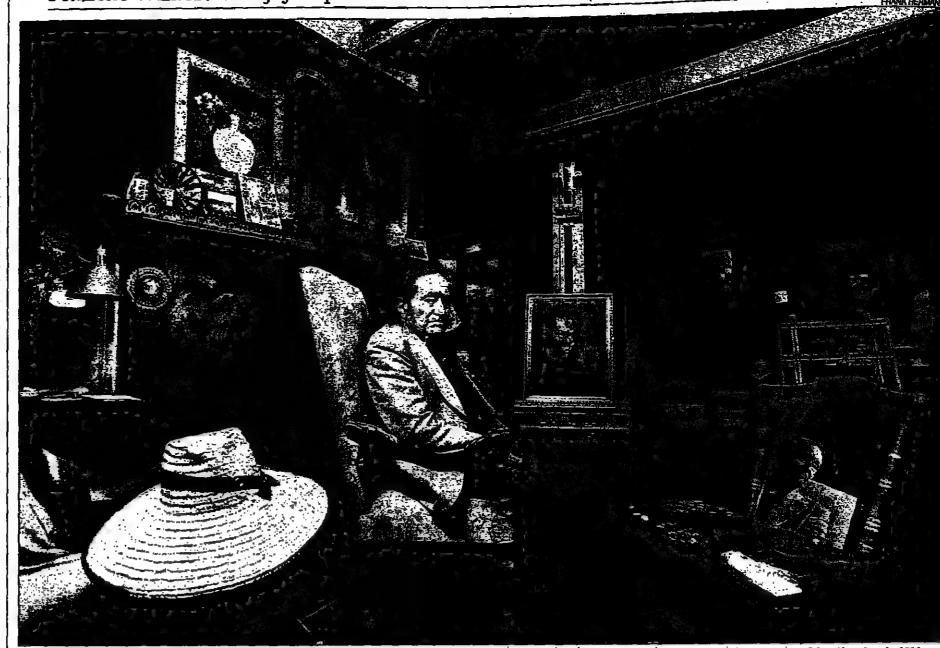
with the most wonderfully imprecise cooking times, "from 8 - 24 hours", that sounds astonishing. The fried prawns specified the use of Poole Shrimps — one of my fishmongers comes from Poole and he is about to get a real nagging to find me some.

For me, the best recipe, and photo, is salt cod with chick-peas. This traditional oliveharvest dish is one I've been mucking about with for severai years and I've even gone into print with two recipes, but the River Café version blows all my attempts clear out of the water. Their version was on my Frith Street restaurant menu as fast as I could get the chick peas soaked and the cod desalinated. My test of a good cookbook is one containing one recipe I can steal and absorb into my repertoire: this many more temptations.



What a dish: wood-roasted turbot tranche with capers

Jeanette Winterson enjoys a portrait of an artist at the heart of Bloomsbury and the century



Duncan Grant, photographed in 1975 in the studio of his home at Charleston in Sussex - first rented by Vanessa Bell when the two began working together in 1916

On first-name terms

uncan Grant was born in 1885. Ruskin was still alive and Queen Victoria would reign for a further 16 years. In 1978, the year that Duncan Grant died, Margarer Thatcher had begun her campaign for Downing Street.

There is a fascination about lives that belong to the century. This biography of a painter is also a

picture of a changing world.

We begin with the genteel but impoverished birth at the Clan Grant home near Aviemore, fol-lowed by a childhood stint in India, and then lodgings in 1902 at the Strachey household in London. The Stracheys were cousins of the Grants, but their highly charged intellectual boldness was unlike anything Duncan had experienced before. Freed from a Presbyterian stuffiness, Duncan could pay attention to the two things that interested him most: art and sex.

He became Lytton Struchey's lover. He went to Paris, then studied for a while at the Slade. Through Strachey he met Maynard Keynes and became his lover. Perhaps most important of all, for Duncan Grant's **DUNCAN GRANT** By Frances Spalding Chatto & Windus, £25 ISBN 0701134097

painting and for the rest of his life, he received this note in 1909: "Dear Duncan, may I call you

and will you call me Vanessa It was the beginning of Bloomsbury. Virginia Stephen was in Fitzroy Square, her sister Vanessa, now married to Clive Bell, was in Gordon Square. The familiar names were gathering - Roger Fry, Keynes, Lytton, Leonard Woolf. Duncan Grant found himself inevitably part of what can be described as the 20th-century art storm or

sometimes its teacup. in 1910. Roger Fry and Clive Bell changed the way we look at pictures. Coining the term Post-Impressionist. Fry mounted an exhibition of paintings by Manet, Gauguin, Cezanne, Matisse and others which outraged the gallery-going public. Fry was dubbed an anarchist and the exhibition itself was variously linked to uprising it was reviewed with hostility as a threat to tradition. order, King and Empire. Those who sneer at Bloomsbury as a drawing room movement should not underestimate the potency of its message. This was a new beginning. For Duncan Grant it was a brand new:

way of painting. No longer was was emotional coherence and significant form. "Efferninacy," thundered

The creative working parmership. between Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell was to last throughout their lives. They undertook joint commissions and often painted together in the studio at Charleston in Sussex. Vanessa rented Charleston in 1916 and Duncan was still living. there when he died. The Bells had an: open marriage, so Vanessa falling in love with Duncan was not a difficulty. His homosexuality was. Duncan loved Vanessa and he quite enjoyed bedding her, but she could never occupy the central space of yearning that belonged to his young men-

Tensions were obvious and it was

Vanessa, pot Duncan, who always

heid it together somehow. In Bloomsbury fashion, their daughter Angelica married Bumny Gamest a man old enough to be her father, who had been her father's lover.

And yet : growing out of the human muddle is the work. I have a little line drawing by Duncan Grant of Vanessa breast-f Its tenderness fulfils the moment

evaluations of Duncan Grants work fluctuated during his long life and have not steaded yet. Frances Spalding is an art historian who understands dealership, and part of the interest of this excellent biography is how well the reader begins to realise what it means to carn a living as a painter for more than 70 years. From the Omega workshops to the grand ambitions of the young Anthony D'Offay, Bloomsbury to Bond Street, this is a picture not only of how an artist paints but how he actually

manages to survive. Duncan Grant was charming and

this is part of the luck even his enemies remarked upon, was his his generation like Hockney. He was a conduit or channel through which much could flow without snagging from the self-consciousness of Post-Impressionism, and Modernism. The terrific intellectual energy rather than Little Englander bias. perhaps saved him from becoming too much the pretty boy pretty

He had his own virtues, too. He did not care about money or fame or fashion. He was loyal and sincere. It is a pleasure to read a biography that is honest without being scandalous, that reveals all without indecent exposure. The achievement is to bring out the quiet genius of the man. By that I mean the spirit peculiar to himself that Duncan Grant transformed into a common whole.

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Teasing out the mystery of love

IN 1950. Mavis Gallant left August's view may be ex-her native Mentreal for Paris treme, but in Gallant's ocuvre. and launched her career as a fiction writer. She published, from the first, in the august literary pages of The New Yorker and all but times of the pieces in The Selected Stories originally appeared there: if there is such a thing as a New Yorker short story, it is hers.

Finally, after aimest half a century. Gallant has gathered in a single tome much of her finest work. To accompany Claire the author has furnished a fasce nanng introduc

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It consists of a fixed image. like a slide or closer still) a freeze frame, showing characters in a simple situation " From these images, Gallant teases entire lives, exclaing her creations in their fullest complexity. Her eye is consistently cool, her gaze sophisticated and rapier sharp. Many of the stories are suffused with the

dark light of saure and could seem brutal were it not for the grace of the prose itself. Gallant's protogonists may falter, they may fall each other and themselves, but the sentences through which they are born linger, luminous and transcendent

avoid answering "yes", and relinquishing her dream, Carol redefines the emotion and embarks - cheerfully and successfully - on a loveless Gallant's characters fre-

In Baum, Gabriel (1938-) Gabriel's unale engrurages his neprew to take a strong. positive line with his life and above all to get out of Paris. which had never amounted to more than an emigre way station. Its moral climate invited apathy and got." Uncle

most cities are home to the sioned. Few of Gallant's people are "at home," in the stories: none are at home with themselves; they seek it, whatniques of guerrilla warfare an ever it might be, in love. In an army would emerge capable of early work. The Other Paris, a so combating German occupayoung American woman hunts grim, postwar Paris in vain for the city of romance about which she has read and

heard sung; she finds only "shabby girls bundled into ramcoats, hurrying along in the rain, or men who needed a haircut". "Was it possible that these badly groomed girls liked living in Paris?" Carol

wonders. "Were many of them in love, or - still less likely - could any man be in love with any of them?" To

quently see clearly and prefer their illusions. Many have been forced to lead lives they would not have chosen; and yet, given the chance to escape. few embrace it. Gallant asks. again and again, what love might be. As she has written elsewhere: The mystery of what a couple is, exactly, is almost the only true mystery still left to us, and when we have come to the end of it. there will be no more need for literature - or for love, for that matter." In the meantime. Gallant offers her answers to that mystery: her extremely fine stories, endlessly various and engrossing.

OE stands for Special Operations Executive, It was formed in 1940 out of various strands of military intelligence, placed under the Ministry for Economic Warfare, and charged by Churchill with the task of setting Europe aflame" — Europe under Hitler's occupation, and against its occupiers, that is. its original task was based on a fallacy and desperation. The fallacy was that out of anti-Nazi passion and the tech-

tion that, and here the desper-ation emerged, the limited manpower resources of Britain and the Commonwealth could reinvade Europe and defeat a weakened Germany. In practice SOE turned into an arm for sabotage and the encouragement of the resistance in Western Europe and into a support by advice. example and arms supplies to

the guerrilla fighters and par-

tisans of Eastern Europe. SOE was, by British standards, an emirely new kind of organisation for making war and gathering necessary military intelligence. As such it not only competed for Britain's limited resources for making war (and found itself low in the queue), it also required comparatively large numbers of men and women with rare qualities and skills. Forest Frederick Edward Yeo-Thornas, subject of Mark Scaman's Bravest of the Brave (Michael O'Mara Books, £17.99, ISBN 1 85479 630 X) and Sir Peter Wilkinson in his Foreign Fields: The Story of an SOE Operative (IB Taurix, 124.95, ISBN 186404 2065) provide us with excellent examples of the various types on which Britain

could draw. Yeo-Thomas, the son of an expatriate Welsh family, was brought up and educated in France. During the 1914-18 war, barred by his father from collisting in either the French or British Armies, he managed to enroll in the United States Army, finding himself

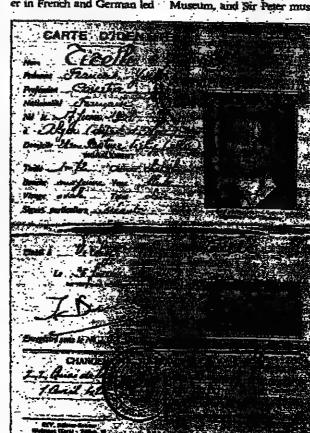
No room tor **Eurosceptics**

caught up in the Polish war against the Soviet Union, escaping from Soviet captivity and ending up in 1932 as general manager of the fash-ion house, Molyneux. Sir Peter, born in India, the

son of a regular army officer killed in Flanders when he was only ten months old, was educated at Rugby, at a lycée in Alexandria, where his stepfather worked, on holidays in Europe, and at Cambridge: He joined the Royal Fusiliers as a regular soldier in 1935. Qualifications as an interpreter in French and German led

Linguistic skill led him to Czechosłovakia, to learn Czech, after Munich, Leaving Prague in March 1939 as Hister marched in, he fell in with Colonel Gubbins, who was already preaching the need to study guerrilla war-fare in June 1939. His introduction to the Second World War was to accompany Gubbins as part of the British military mission to Poland in

It is at this point that Mark Seamen, of the Imperial War Museum, and Sir Peter must



take over. Both books make compulsive reading. Yeo-Thomas acted for SOE in France, fell, eventually, into German hands, survived a series of German concentrafion camps, and escaped to be liberated by the US Army in April 1945. Sir Peter took part in the foundation of SOE and played his part in the Whitehall war which raged quite as bitterly as that which SOE encountered at German hands. He also saw service in Crete, and went on a mission to Tito, penetrating as far as the border of Austria (without encountering any genuine anti-Nazi organisation among

the Austrians). in this, he confirmed the general scepticism of British intelligence towards effective anti-Nazism in Germany and Austria - a mite unfairly, perhaps, in view of the success of the plotters of July 20, 1944, in taking over Vienna, and the activities of the Austrian Com-munist miners of upper Styria in the early months of 1945. He was, moreover, approaching the most nationalist of Austria's frontiers with encroaching Stavdom; or so the Carinthians and South Styrians for conturies had seen

things.
Yeo-Thomas is no longer the young man he was. Could Britain produce the combination of cultural permeability. of staying irredemiably Brit-ish while liking and understanding Europeans, as well as the strategic and tactical judgment and the courage and mability to contemplate defeat of the generations they repre-sent? Regarding the tactical skill of today's Eurosceptics. rallying like Harold's Saxons in 1066 behind a shield wall as soon as a foreigner approaches (and we all know what happened to Harold in the end), one can be forgiven for having a few misgivings on the subject.

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Within a relatively short space

of time anorexia nervosa

eased to be a condition afflicting a

iew unhappy individuals and in-

stead, according to Elaine Showalter, acquired a social life.

then it turned into an "epidemic"

and, after prominent newspaper

reports, men began to suffer from it as well. It was the psychological equivalent of the South Sa Bubble.

and, in this very inspective account of popular delusions. Showatter tracks the course of disting large

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paranuar same as a member of an informal group known as the New Hysicitians but, despite the daonting title, she is gaine free of that psycho-bubble which seems to affice American procedurers of the bealing arts.

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The actiology of hysteria might also be described as the history of

civilisation. In Preudian terms this

would also be the history of repression, although Showalter herself gives ample reason for believing that Freud was not necessarily always right. Hysteria itself can be described as a highly dramatic way of revealing, or representing mental distress; it has in the past been generally attribute.

in the past been generally attribut-

Trying to recognise the symptoms of dis-ease

Peter Ackroyd on the ills - imaginary, or not? - that bedevil our psychoanalytic age

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ed to women, although the history of the early Christian saints suggests that it is also one of the prerogatives of the male.

The belle epoque of the condition, according to Showalter, was somewhat later. Near the end of the 19th century, Jean-Martin Charcot coached hysterical women into taking up ritualised poses in the lecture room of his Paris sanatorium. His influence extended to the stage and screen as well, with his theories magnificently represented by Hedda Gabler and Norma Desmond: it is only a short step

from the hysteric to the histrionic. But if Charcot can be hailed as an inventor of modern hysteria, another great artist and mythologist, Sigmund Freud, must share the palm with his marketing of the famous "talking cure". Showaiter.

in fact coachides that his patients' memories of abuse or what he termed "premature sexual experience" - were suggested or manufactured by Freud himself. In a conclusion which might be extended to the whole discipline of "objective" medical science, she suggests

that "Freud pres-

sured his patients to

produce narrátives

congruent with his

theories." There are

now critics who even consider the master of psycho-analysis to have been, sentially, the last of the great

Victorian novelists. But the problem is larger than that contained within the vision of one man, or the ethos of one period. The central theme of this book lies in the self-evident fact that the late 20th century is still a "psychoanalytic age", which is precisely why various hysterical symptoms have become so popular and so



Anorexia nervosa: real sickness or popular delusion?

contagious. The examples of bulimja and anorexia are well known. but Showalter enters more forbidding territory in her account of "chronic fatigue syndrome" and "Gulf War syndrome"; there are so many interested, not to say partisan, groups concerned with these matters that it is almost impossible to speak sensibly without being accused of prejudice. But Showaher displays an admirable ability to

ories and no less nebulous accusations which have bedevilled a proper understanding of these illnesses.

She emphasises that it does not maiter whether the conditions are viral or psychological in onein: what is important to understand is the nature of ill health itself. Those who insist that illness must be physiological neglect the fact that for thou-

sands of years people have become sick because their mental and emotional resources are depleted; in turn Showalter plots "the conversion of strong emotion into physical

It is the merest common sense and to demand that all sickness should have a material rather than a spiritual or psychological basis is to fall victim to the most absurd

dispel the cloudy the- is not to deay or minimise the suffering of those involved, but the great healers of the world have always been ready in treat the person as a whole rather than as the sum of disparate parts. It is important to read Paracelsus as well as Grav's Anatomy.

> howalter suggests that "chronic fatigue syndrome", for example, is closely related to the epidemics of "neurasthenia" in the 19th century; the belief that there is a mysterious virus, known as "Agent X", which is creating the more recent condition is a textbook example of the hysteria created by the collusion of doctor and patient.

Showalter suggests that 90 per cent of those suffering from "CFS" are white, and that 70 per cent are female. It is. in other words, a highly selective disease.

The fact that it may be psychological in origin does not mean that the symptoms are not authentic and severe: Showalter has a quotation from another doctor who puts the problem in its true perspective. There are people," he writes, "who have not yet learned to regard psychiatric disease as a proper

illness. They are still seeing it as a moral weakness." There, if anywhere, is the heart of the matter. The history of "Gulf War syndrome" is instructive in this re-

spect. The symptoms of this condition have remained diverse and inexplicable, ranging from migraine and pelvic disease to ovarian cysts and burning semen. Showaller suggests, therefore, that there is no one identifiable cause but rather a series of traumatic stress disorders not dissimilar in nature to the "shell shock" induced by an earlier war. She is also unconvinced by the various conspiracy theories which have been manufactured by journalists and other interested parties. The vogue for "recovered memory", and the fashion for discovering child abuse everywhere, are also analysed with

care as well as pity. In that sense Hystories is allied to various other studies of millenari-an fantasy which have surfaced in recent months, principal among them Damian Thomson's The End of Time and Harold Bloom's /e Omens of Millennium. Showalter joins their company in demonstrating that an exciting brew of apocalyptic paranoia, pseudo-science and jargon psychology may

Cancel all the prizes

ion't read all the books, as the panel have sheepishly reviewer once said, "reading the book prejudices one so". One of the NCR panel allegedly estimated that of the 122 entries, the five judges had between them read perhaps 25 of the preferred books preferred, it seems, on the basis of delegated reading, friends' comments, reviews and gossip.

Clearly this is a system in need of reform, and like reforms in government and political parties, it must be democratic. It is a disgrace for a small caucus of individuals, answerable to no one but themselves, to wield such power. Their views may be completely unrepresentative, particularly since some of them are so-called intellectuals, out of touch with popular feeling. After all, it is the public who is being asked to buy the books. How can the luci bly have any claim to authority when they have not been elected by a universal franchise and cannot be dismissed? They are mere appointees, and some admit to

having outside interests. Some

judges of literary prizes are



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a flagrant professional

We must abolish this literary elitism, with its privilege, expertise wisdom — the disgraceful tyranny of knowledge. Just because some of the judges may have read books before, are we to suppose that they read better than other people? There is no excuse for aı. archaic system that tells us the man in Waterstone's knows best. If a prizewinner is to feel secure, he needs to know that his victory is the result of a proper one-reader-one-vote poll.

Fortunately, the new Government is acting quickly, with its proposed Bill of Rights. While enshrining the right to freedom of thought" (thank you), this will outlaw all forms of discrimination. As a result, all these offensively judgmental prizes should be illegal. From now on, all books are equal.

LAST year Giles de la Mare, a longstanding director of Fabers, published under his own imprint the first of two volumes of his grandfather's collected stories. Now, with the backing of Professor John Bayley, Russell Hoban and others, he is launching the Walter de la Mare Society (017) 724 2399). The second volume of short stories, again in handsome Queen Square dress, is due in September.

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INVISIBLE REPUBLIC Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes

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n the summer of 1967 Bob Dylan descended into the basement of a rented house in West Saugerties, New York, seeking an uncluttered work space in which to hammer out some new tunes. Until then known as either a protest-style folk singer or an electric rock and roller, Dylan had grown tired of conventional categories. and wanted to let his music just happen. With the help of The Hawks, a Toronto-based honky-tonk group who eventually became known simply as The Band, Dylan spontane-ously produced dozens of very weird songs such as Even If It's A Pig Part I, Please, Mrs. Henry and Million Dollar ed such memorable lines as "I." took my potatoes/ Down to be mashed/ Then I made it on over/ To that million dollar bash"). It was "recter run, amok," guitarist Robbie Robertson later recalled. And fortunately for those of us who enjoy good (albeit odd) music, someone kept the tape deck running amidst all that resinous smoke rolling around. Various bootleg versions of the Basement Tapes subse-

quently made their way into public domain, and soon became synonymous with the freewheeling Sixties. This is because, compared to conventional studio albums, they weren't slick and over-engineered: they weren't sold in big bins through corporate-owned commercial outlets; and no matter how many times you listened to them, they didn't make any sense. Unless, of course, the following type of lyric sets your analytical juices flowing: "I'm starting to dream my school's



"I took my potatoes/ Down to be mashed/ Then I made it on over/ To that million dollar bash . . " Bob Dylan photographed by Linda McCartney in the late Sixties

much lurther my crane's going to leak/ Look, Mrs Henry, there's only so much I can do/. Why don't you look my way and pump me a few?"

At a time when elaborate production values were making music look like something you couldn't do without lots of money, Dylan seemed to be

going to squeak/ If I walk too rouch further my crane's stairs with a few friends and going to leak/ Look, Mrs stop wondering whether anybody ever hears what you're doing. Music isn't a recording contract or a Grammy catego ry, he implied. Just a series of sounds that won't happen the

same way twice. Greil Marcus is often mislabeled a "rock critic," but he's

actually a social historian. In previous books, such as Mystery Train and Lipstick Traces. he investigated the secret assumption of popular culture. In this new one, he reads through some of Dylan's most eccentric music and makes historical sense of sones that deliberately don't make much

argues that as Dylan's music got weirder, it tapped into the mainstream of traditional American folk singing, such as that practised by the likes of Rabbit Brown, Clarence Ashley and Dock Boggs. In other words, traditional folk music doesn't have to be about rallying the miners, or ending sense of themselves. Marcus

injustices. Like the Basement Tapes, it can blaze its own fugitive trail into the darkness and doesn't have to be about anything but itself.

Marcus can be a bit of a prima donna at times, and his endiess descriptions of some tunes may wear a reader down. But overall, this smart, written book brings

Event If It's A Pig Part III. Scott Bradfield's novel, Animal Planet, is published by Picador, priced \$6.99.

workshop and then allows

again. Which is great news for

those feverishly andcipating

the yet-to-be recorded single.

Waterworld

FEVERISH sailors of tropical seas succemb to an enticing fear, a delirium known as calenture. Staring out day after day over the hot sparkle of the sea, they imagine the green oceans to be fresh fields of grass and are hired by a giddy desire to leap in. Readers of Robert Drewe's The Drowner will empathise. This is a novel which beguiles with

The tale begins in the lush water-meadows of the River Avon where Alphabetical Dance teaches his young son. William, the ancient and intricate art of the drowners men who can make "land float", make "meadows of water and ponds of clouds". William, when he grows up, uses this knowledge to woo the actress Angelica. He courts her with quaint drowner's secrets as they bathe in the tepid waters at Bath, their heads swimming "in alkaline gurgle" while their "billowing bodies titter and fliri".

But William turns away from his father's pagan artistry towards the modern science of engineering. He leaves his Wiltshire home and together with Angelica sets off on a journey which leads him across primeval Africa, past the thundering smoke of waterfalls, on under the unknown stars of the Southern Hemisphere to Australia,

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

· THE DROWNER Robert Drewe Granta, £9.99 ISBN 186207 064 4

the desert and goldminers

scrabble for treasure in silent landscapes of red dust. It is Will's task to bring water to the gold prospectors' town. If The Drowner begins as a luxuriant, lyrical (even fey) tale, spooling gently though

tradition and myth, the narrative is suddenly swept up by more dangerous currents. The oblique edge of nightmare glints through the dream. The author, himself Australian, powerfully captures the stark swelter of the desert, "dazzling as sunstroke", where frantic prospectors drink urine and animal blood and lake-water so salty that their kidneys collapse, and a typhoid plague eddies through the town. Water is a metaphor for life

in this arid and alien land. But for Will and Angelica it becomes an image of death too -"deep, dormant and still ... full of black suffering". Drewe slowly sifts the silt of romance away from a love story. He exposes the elemental passions which lie beneath, before these too dissolve away, seepwhere drought roars across ing into madness.

in theory, at least

or more than three cen-turies a theorem scrib-bled by the French mathematician Pierre de Fermat in the margin of a book mocked the pretensions of mathematicians. It was impossible, he said, to separate a cube into two cubes, or a "biquadrate into two biquadrates, or generally any power

except a square into two

powers with the same exponent". This was a striking claim. for every child who reaches GCSE level in maths knows Pythagoras' theorem - that the square on the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle equals the sum of the squares on the other two sides. So while the square of a number can be broken down into two other numbers squared, the same is not true of cubes, nor any higher power. To rub it in, Fermat added the provocative

sentence: "I have discovered a

truly marvellous proof of this,

which, however, the margin is not large enough to contain." The theorem sounds simple. It is that while X2 + Y2 = Z2, the same cannot be true for any number greater than two. Proving it defeated the best efforts of mathematicians until 1993, when Andrew Wiles, an expatriate Briton working at

Nigel Hawkes

An answer that works

FERMAT'S LAST THEOREM The Story of a Riddle that Confounded the World's Greatest Minds for 358 Years By Simon Singh Fourth Estate, £1299 ISBN 1857025210

THEOREM Unlocking the Secret of an Ancient Mathematical Problem By Amir D. Aczel Viking, £9.99 ISBN 0670876380

FERMAT'S LAST

Princeton, first claimed a proof. Agonisingly for Wiles. who had spent six years reaching this result, an error was detected after his proof was published. He had to start again, with the eyes of the world on him, to try to repair the damage. He finally did so, publishing the definitive version in May 1995.

The story is a marvellous one, but for popularisers it poses some difficult problems. Wiles's proof runs to more than 100 pages of the Annals of Mathematics, and understanding it requires a deep knowledge of 20th century maths. There are no short cuts. You cannot summarise the proof in a pithy phrase, or provide a physical model to aid understanding. If you could, it would not have taken 358 years to solve Fermat's puzzle in the first place.

Dr Simon Singh, the producer of a Horizon documentary about the proof, makes a better shot at solving this presentational problem than Dr Amir Aczel, an American academic. Both books contain a lot of mathematical history. and repeatedly stray from the story, but Singh's book does at least tell it, if you have the perseverance. Aczel's is shorter but he omits almost all detail of Wiles's work, so his conciseness is hardly a virtue.

Singh's book is also much better on the personality of Wiles, and his life-long determination to solve a problem he first encountered as a tenyear-old. To read it is to realise that there is a world of beauty and intellectual challenge that is denied to the 99.9 per cent of us who are not high-level mathematicians. For opening the window to that world even partially, Singh deserves congratulation: his is certainly the better of these two accounts.

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TUNISIA from E311 a person for next week is still available from Panorama, with flights from Gatwick tomorrow and Sunday. Details: 01273 206531.

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available in June at private

apartments in Brienz, Switzer-

land, a lakeside village below

tains Holidays. Details: 01329 **E**CALYPSO GOLD has a week-long package to Young Island in the Grenadines,

the mountains. Prices from

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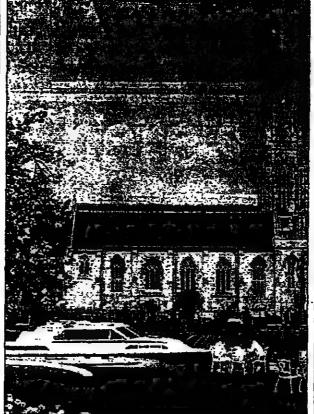
crossing, from Lakes & Moun-

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combining two nights on a crewed yacht with five nights on the island. Price: £1,195 a person. including full board and activities, with departures from June 1 to 20. Details: 0181-977 9655. PEDALLING through Pro-

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wALKING through the ancient sites of the Aegean coast in Turkey is available with Headwater Holidays on selected dates from June 15. Priced from £659 a person, including return flights, half-board accommodation for eight, and a guide eight nights and a guide. Details: 01606 48699.



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EDISCOUNTS on luxury items offered at six stores in Burlington Arcade off Picca-dilly are available to guests staying at the nearby Dukes Hotel. The hotel's "Shopahol-ics is available from July 19 until September 1 and costs £170 a room a night including breakfast and VAT. Details: 0171-491 4840.

■ THE five-star De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel in Southampton has an offer of a 25 per cent saving on any night during June. The deal, available through Superbreak Mini-Holidays, costs from £63.75 a person a night includ-ing breakfast and dinner. Details: 0161-238 5257.

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from July 11 to 14. Cost for three nights' accommodation, transfers and tickets to the race is £397 a person. Details: 0800 856 8002.

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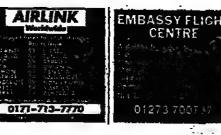
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reveals national traits

By Harvey Elliott

THE TYPICAL business traveller is not some high-flying, multinational whiz-kid, but middle-aged, married and working with a small service company, according to a new

He or she makes 21 trips a year and spends on average 37 nights in hotels. Fewer than 40 per cent have children under the age of 18 living at home and nearly 60 per cent are over the age of 45. Only 15 per cent are under 35, demolishing the stereotype of the furiously busy young executive, says the OAG Business Travel Life-style Survey published by the Reed Travel Group this week.

But after interviewing 5,250 business travellers in nine countries they say there are individual differences, which reveal inherent national characteristics.

The British are the hardest drinkers during a flight. They are also the most self-confident and knowledgeable about safety procedures, but the most suspicious of technology.

The Americans are the "elder statesmen", having the most experience in air travel. They are older, more work-drientated and extremely keen on the Internet

The French are gonchalant, unlikely to listen to sefety their seat-belts. But they care more than any other nation about the key demand for all

business flyers - legroom.
The Germans suck to the rules, book through the correct corporate channels and hand over their frequent-flyer benefits to the boss. They tend to travel in a suit and worry most about getting the cheap-est fare. The Italians worry about being stranded without. a clean shirt and grooming kit. The Australians stick to the lounge and are loval to their national airline Quntas. The Japanese lack confidence and worry that something is going to go wrong with the plane or

youngest, and buy toys for they children in airport shows They eat throughout the flight above 1 1 de 115. the hotel gym. Hong Kong provides more women business travellers than any other country. They rely on their secretaries to make the arrangements -- then sleep dur-

ing the flight. Business travellers agree that the most important reason for choosing a particular airline is the convenience of its flight schedules. This comes, well ahead of its safety record and is nearly twice as impor-tant as food and drink which

was the least important factor. Working women have a harder time than men. They tend to be younger but only account for one in ten business travellers. They are unlikely to be married and they have lower-status jobs. Women use hotel health facilities more than men but fret about losing

their important papers. Meanwhile, only three in ten men head for the gym, and 58 per cent say the most important factor in choosing a hotel was the availability of satellite and cable television. This compared with only 40 per cent who wanted business facilities and 22 per cent who demanded in-room faxes.

But, when flying, everyone agreed that the most important task is to avoid having to speak to a neighbouring

Budget airline cuts flights

HUNDREDS of airline passengers who had booked cut-price seats on easylet services within Europe were told on arrival at Luton airport this week that their flights had been

complain that their plans had been ruined because the airline had given no warning of the sudden changes. Deborah Pliskin, of London, said: "I had taken a day off work especially to fly to Edinburgh and was horrified to be told that the flight would not be

going. I asked other travellers at the airport whether they had been told of the cancellation and none had, even though one woman had booked only three days before, when the airline must have known it would not be operating the flight.

Senior executives at easyJet, which has bought five modern Boeing 737-300s, blame a financial squabble be-tween the former owner and the pre-vious operator of the Boeings for the delay in the delivery of the last two. These two aircraft were contracted for delivery on May I. But because of the dispute, one arrived late and the other is still awaited.

James Rothnie, easylet's marketing manager, said: "We were faced with trying to operate a flight schedule designed for five aircraft with a fleet of four. We could not have told anyone in advance because we were hoping right up to the last moment to charter another aircraft as a replacement." Stelios Haji-Ioannou, the son of a Greek shipping magnate who is now sole owner and chairman of the low-

cost airline, said he was "disappointed" that suppliers had let him down. Now easyJet has admitted defeat and announced that all flight schedules are being changed until July 18 by

TUNNELLING UNDERNEATH IT.

caterers.

was carried out jointly by the Lake District National

Park Authority and the Nat-

ional Trust, supported by tourism organisations as

well as local hotels and

A spokesmen for the Nat-

ional Park said: This is a

perfect example of tourism

operators, landowners and

the National Park Authority

working together for the good of the park."

Japan leads the way

DONATIONS from thou-

sands of devoted Japanese

inus of Beatrix Potter have

helped to provide a safe and

picturesque new route leading to the Lake District

home of their favourite au-

In return, all the signs

along the three-mile path

from the shore of Winder-

mere have been written in

Japanese as well as English.

It means that hordes of

Japanese "pilgrims" can now follow in the footsteps

of Peter Rabbit rather than

lose themselves in the sur-rounding Cumbrian woods.

Donations from across

the world boosted funds for

the construction of the path, which leads to the writer's

old cottage. But the Japa-

nese, who use her books to

teach English and have

become her fervent fans, provided the most.

After stepping off the fer-ry from Bowness, visitors

can now admire the stun-

ning scenery as they take the

new path to the popular Hilltop shrine at Near

The work to build the

path, which cost £12,000,

thor, Ian Fletcher writes.



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Stelios Haji-Ioannou, chairman of the low-cost airline, easyJet, which has bought five Boeing 737-300s

when, it says, it will have the other air-craft. Services on four of its eight scheduled routes from Luton - to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Amsterdam and Aberdeen - are being reduced by one or two flights a day, Passengers booked on the flights affected will be offered a full refund of their fare or a free transfer to the next available flight.

EasyJet is modelled on the low-cost airlines that have revolutionised domestic American services. Booking staff - who share an open-plan office at Luton airport with senior executives. including the chairman - are paid 80p for every booking they make. The airline refuses to use travel agents and

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passengers have to book directly, using their credit or debit cards. Reservations are made on the understanding that they cannot change or cancel their bookings. EasyJet claims to have reduced its distribution costs from between 25 and 30 per cent to an average 2.5 per cent.

Passengers do not receive a ticket but are given a number on arrival at checkin, which they then swap on a firstcome, first-served basis for a boarding card and the seat of their choice. There is no free food and drink but refreshments can be bought from the three cabin-crew members — the minimum number required by law to handle the 148 passengers. The cost-paring has enabled the airline to levy fares at half the rate of rival mainstream airlines. A one-way ticket to Glasgow for example, now costs £29.

Mr Haji-loannou has, meanwhile, rold Luton Borough Council that he wants to buy the airport. Analysts say that the local authority-owned airport is worth up to £100 million. The council has indicated it wants to find outside investors to help to develop the airport and is hesitating about selling to one company. Luton airport made a 11.0 million profit last year and this year expects to handle more than 3.5 million

National cycling route takes shape in Wales

A 186-MILE cycle network linking Kidwelly Castle in the west with Newport in the east taking shape in South Wales, marking the latest step in the scheme to create a National Cycle Network crisscrossing Britain.

Sustrans, which is developing many parts of the network, says 13.4 million of the more than £8 million needed to complete the route by the end of the decade has now been Mike Duxbury, South

Wales cycle officer based at tal charity, says that 53 per cent of the route is now in place. A new section at Bridgend will be unveiled early next month.

The South Wales route, backed by local authorities, the Welsh Office, charities, the private sector and the Milennium Commission, will link with the Lon Las Cymru route, which links Holyhead with Cardiff so that Wales can be crossed north and south and east and west by bicycle.

The new route, which will travel through the Llanelli coastal park. Swansea, to the Neath Canal towpath, Port Taibot, the Taff Valley, eventually joining the Monmouth Canal at Crosskeys, Caerphilly and Newport, is expected to generate an extra £18 million a year in tourism for the region. It could create an additional

1.000 jobs in accommodation. catering and other services. Earlier this month the 250-mile West Country Way route between Padstow in north Cornwall and Bristol became the fifth of nine key routes which will form the backbone of the emerging 6,500-mile network. West Country Way crosses Exmoor National Park, the Mendip Hills and the flatlands of the Somerset Levels, using country lanes, canal towpaths and

disused railway lines. Routes between Workington and Newcastle upon Tyne, Carlisle and inverness, Holyhead and Cardiff and Hull and Harwich are already in use.

Northern Ireland later this year and others are planned for the Midlands and between Bristol and Newbury. Ben Hamilton-Baillie, re-

gional manager of Sustrans. said the key routes were designed to act as "catalysts" for local initiatives. Eventually, he added. 15,000 miles of

charity was "astonished" that in the first year at least 15,000 people rode the Workington-Newcastle route, putting about £2 million into the local economy. "It proves that you provide continuous routes, people will cycle," Mr Hamilton-Baillie said. "There is a latent demand for walking and cycling routes. The econ-omic benefits are greater than we expected - cycle tourists spend more and distribute their spending more widely. which is important for village shops and bed and



A cruise test that passed

The idea of spending more than a week on board ship with 2,000 others, albeit in surroundings verging on the luxurious, never really appealed.

But, as nearly half a million passengers a year do so with such enthusiasm that tour operators are furiously building bigger ships to meet the demand, I thought it was time I saw why cruising is so popular. The intention was to ensure that I could answer the inevitable question. "Would you do it again?"

For eight days, therefore, I sailed on board P&O's "flagship" Oriana from Southampton through the Mediterranean and up the Adriatic to Dubrovnik and the island of Korcula and finally across to Venice.

The ship is big - very big. But the cabins are surprisingly small except for the most expensive, which have balconies and a private sitting room. It is impossible to live out of

because there is not enough room on the floor, so clothes have to be stowed neatly away.

On our cruise a dozen

But operating a cruise ship today is both safer and more

to the bridge when the engines failed, then watched

gers were well into their ali again.

seventies, or older. In peak

falls by at least 20 years. Probably 70 per cent of the north. They loved dressing for dinner and wearing little white hats on organised tours a hore. They joined in bingo or American line dancing, bought glittering black

> board store, hummed along to "old favourites" played on a piano and, above all else, they ate. For it is possible to eat hugely around the clock on Oriana,

She is a British boat - and proud of it. Everything has been carefully chosen to reflect that - from the Lord's Tavern bar to the comparatively few gaming machines on board.

For me, the Adriatic coast was the find of the year. I wished we had had longer in the calm seas off the beautiful land which only five years ago had been so cruelly shelled and bombed.

experience'

cruise ship.

people went down with a viral stomach complaint and twice the massive engines suddenly stopped.

sophisticated than it was, and within 24 hours of tracking down who had brought the virus on board at Southampton, it had gone. The chief engineer rushed

in admiration as the computer discovered what had gone wrong, fixed the fault and brought the engines back to

The majority of passen-

To see Venice slide by at dawn is a

moving

Venice at dawn and watch the city sliding by is a moving experience possible only from a deck high on a

And to enter

So would I do it again? Quite possibly. But I would prefer a smaller ship. And I would not fly back. Venice airport shut up shop just as 300 hot and thirsty passen-gers arrived, and all but a couple of baggage handlers went home. The Irish charter carrier Transaer arrived six hours late, and getting back to Gatwick, then on to Manchester in the early hours would discomfort a fit. young soldier, let alone the many octogenarians on board. But that was hardly

P&O's fault. I think I will have to try it

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hotels. Included in today's list, which covers the north of England, is a hotel overlooking the picturesque Hull marina, one at Wakefield, only an hour's drive from Haworth and, for touring the Lake District, we have a hotel close to Carlisle. Correction: The price of a two-negle break for two people in Gloucester is 559, not £49.

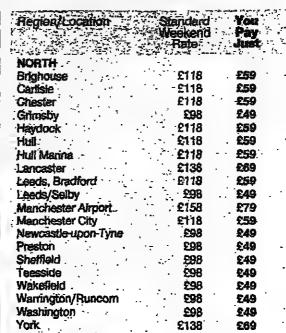
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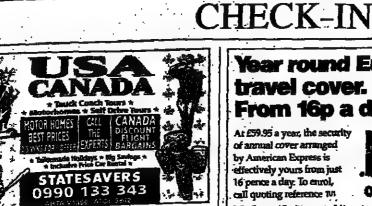




Potter at Hilltop, 1907











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Oxford and Cambridge still have an aura about them, but that need not deter students, says the Education Editor, John O'Leary What we are

Don't be shy: you can apply to Oxbridge

bridge play down their differences from other universities, but they represent another world when it comes to winning a place there. Although they are part of the admissions network, they have different deadlines from the rest of the system, and applications are made direct to

There is little to choose hetween the ancient universities in terms of entrance requirements, but a remarkable number of successful applicants have the maximum possible A-level score. However, that does not mean the

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ahout applying: Oxford and Cambridge have fewer applicants to the place than many less prestigious universities, admissions tutors are aiways looking to extend the range of schools and colleges from which they can recruit. Overall, there are about three applicants to every place at Oxbridge, but there are big differences between subjects and colleges. As the tables below demonstrate, competition is particularly fierce in English, but those qualified to read metallurgy or classics have a high chance of success. The pattern is similar to that

the high degree of selection cedes an Oxbridge application means that even in the less popular subjects the field of candidates is likely to be

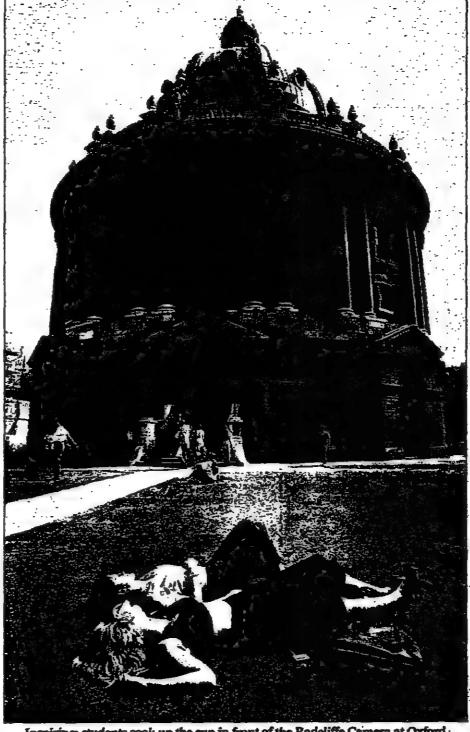
The universities' unwanted power to intimidate prospective applicants is based partly on myth. Both have done their best to live down the Brideshead Revisited image, but many sixth-formers still fear that they would be out of their depth academically and socially. In fact, the state sector produces about half the entrants to Oxford and Cambridge, and the dropout rate is lower than at many other

The champagne set is still there, its activities well publicised, but the majority of students are hard-working high achievers with the same concerns as their counterparts on other campuses. A joint poll by the two universities' student newspapers showed that ing much of their time in the library or worrying about their employment prospects, and relatively little on the river or in the college bar.

Student organisations at both universities have put in a great deal of effort trying to encourage applications from state schools, and some colleges have launched their own campaigns. Such has been the determination to convince state school pupils that they would get a fair crack of the whip that a new concern has grown up of possible bias against independent school pupils. In reality, however, the dispersed nature of Oxbridge admissions means that there is no conspiracy: just a variety of attitudes.

That is why thorough research to find the right college is so important. Even within colleges, different admissions tutors may have different approaches, so personal contact is essential. The college is likely to be the centre of your social life, as well as your home and study centre for at least a year. Famously sporty trying for those in search of peace and quiet.

The tables on this page give



Inspiring students soak up the sun in front of the Radeliffe Camera at Oxford

an irles of the relative academic strengths of the colleges, as well as the varying levels of competition for a place in different subjects.

Neither the Norrington table, for Oxford, nor the Tompkins table, for Cambridge, is published by the university concerned. Indeed, Oxford has tried without success to make compilation impossible. However, both give an indication of where the academic powerhouses lie - information which can be as useful to those trying to avoid them as those seeking the ultimate challenge. Although there can be a great deal of movement year by year, both tables tend to be dominated by the rich, old

In both universities, for most students, teaching is

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based in the colleges. In practice, however, this arrangement holds good only for the line of October 15, 1997 for entry in 1998. The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form and a Prefirst year in the sciences. The one-to-one tutorials, which are liminary Application Form (PAF) should be submitted the universities' traditional strength for undergraduates. are by no means universal. simultaneously to your chosen But teaching groups remain university and UCAS. You much smaller than in most may apply to only one in the same admissions year, unless universities. Both Oxford and Cambridge give applicants the you are seeking an Organ option of leaving the choice of Award at both Oxford and college to the university.

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September for those who have For those with no ready source of advice on the colleges, this would seem an left school or applied early, but in December for the majority. attractive solution to an intrac-By the end of October, the first table problem, but it is also a risky one: a lower proportion group can expect either an gains admittance this way than by applying to a particuoffer, a rejection or deferral of a decision until January. That is when the main group of applicants will receive either a lar college and, inevitably, you may end up somewhere that conditional offer or a rejection.

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looking for in a student

pplying to Oxford can seem formidable. How do colleges choose their students? Now that the traditional entrance examination at Oxford has been abolished, 12 years after Cambridge dispensed with theirs, the sense of its admission procedures as unmapped territory often causes anxiety among wellqualified candidates.

In fact, the disappearance of the exam signals a less radical change than is sometimes imagined; it has not been compulsory at Oxford for

many years.
The long standing popularity of the non-examination route has given colleges wide experience of offering places on the basis of school records and interviews, supplemented by the short tests or submitted work required by some subjects. Offers are now made, as in other universities, with Alevel or equivalent conditions

Oxford wants two things from its students — shility and commitment. The academic syllabuses are demanding, and the intensive system leaves no room for the halfhearted. But motivation and talent come in many shapes and sizes, and from very diverse backgrounds. There is no such thing as the typical Oxford student. The only thing the students have in common is intellectual energy and drive. In looking for that energy,

colleges pay meticulous atten-tion to all the evidence that candidate can supply, taking time to consider each applica-tion on its individual ments. Good GCSE results over a wide range of subjects spea righly of the student's discioline and curiosity. Teachers' assessments of the applicant's potential count for a lot. So, too, does the personal statement, giving every candidate the chance to make a direct. appeal to tutors assessing their application. Over-statement, however, is best avoided: a convincing account of a few activities maintained to a high level says much for the applicant's focus and staying powastonishing variety of interests. can be less helpful.

The university prospectus includes indispensable information, and some candidates miss the mark because they

have not digested its advice. Only medicine has specific course requirements, but the prospectus makes it clear that appropriate subject underpin-ning is necessary for a number of other courses. The prospec tus also describes what colleges can provide: St Hilda's for example, is for women only, and Harris Manchester caters especially for mature

Choice of college will depend on personal priorities, Location, size, or the availability of accommodation might well be deciding factors. All colleges now run open days, offen in conjunction with departmental open days, and these are an excellent way of learning more about the facilities and courses on offer, and about life in the colleges.

if all goes well, an applica-tion will be followed by a request to attend for interview. For many, this is by far the most alarming part of the whole process. Most tutors are sympathetic interviewers, well aware of how nerves can tangle the sentences of the brightest students.

It is also worth remembering that the interview will be primarily academic. There may be some general questions about extra-curricular accomplishments, but the interviewer is most interested in the applicant's suitability for the course in question.

By all means practise your interview technique, but prepared speeches are not wanted. Interviewers will quiz you on your work for your examination syllabuses, but they will also be looking for evidence that you have explored issues beyond them.

Remember also that the decision may not rest entirely candidates will have more than one interview.

have thought hard about what they want to study, and why they want to study. Oxford is more than a collection of black gowns and golden buildings: it is a concentration of people who care about thinking and learning. A serious wish to share those values is the best qualification any applicant

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Running the gauntlet

should by my cards out at the start; I tried for L Oxford in the lower sixth and was rejected, I tried for Cambridge post A-level last summer and got a place. Therefore half of this piece may well be a case of soor grapes, but the other half is an honest attempt to describe both experiences. I chose Oxford initially

Both universities set a dead-

partly because I applied to read English and believed that Oxford was for the arts and Cambridge for sciences. the thought of the Oxford entrance exam (now extinct) that would take some of the pressure off a subsequent. interview if I passed, and give me a conditional offer of two E grades to get in.
The whole Oxford experi-

ence was, in retrospect, chartime, quite a lot of fun. The than the event; staying in college for two and a half days to prepare for the interviews: the interviews: then trying to forget about them: sharing pints with other interviewees swanning round Oxford, But in light of the relatively relaxed one-day affair at Cambridge, I did wonder whether the frantic trials and

were entirely necessary. Oxford might argue that the longer time spent at the university is an important part of the interview; it gives you a good idea of the college's environment and allows you time to explore the accommodation. All that is useless, though, if you perform abysmally in the interview because the whole

moments of terror at Oxford

process has been so



By ERIN BAKER

less affair. I arewered most questions with confidence. regardless of whether I had the faintest idea of what they were asking me. At both universities I had a

general and a subject interview (one interviewer for both the generals and the Cambridge subject interview, two for the Oxford subject). At both, the questions were demanding and the manner in which they were asked was often stern and off-putting. And at both I had to sit on a squishy sofa which was probably meant to make the carelidate feel at home but which actually. made matters worse; my keen, upright posture was replaced by an unimpressive

stomp. -So to what do I attribute the successful outcome at Cambridge? Admittedly, I was a year older, had three A grades at A-level and had gone through the rigours of

an Oxbridge application be-fore. But there was a huge difference in the universities attitude towards me. Simple statements in the newsletter about interviews sent by my Cambridge college, such as "Don't worry about what to wear ... (within reason)" and Try to be natural and relaxed beloed to portray the tutors as people who really did want to get the best out of me in interview.

Oxford did not send such empathetic literature. I received just a couple of maps and instructions for what to do when I got there. There was also a marked

difference in the type of question I was asked in my subject interview. Questions were equally hard, yet at Cambridge they related more to books studied or work written. At Oxford they demanded the precase year of completion of a Dickens novel or the defining moment in a production of The Taming of the Shrew I admitted to having seen the year before.

The questions asked at interview depend heavily on the personal tastes and interviewing skills of the tutor and do not necessarily reflect the attitude of the university as a whole towards students. But I came out of my Cambridge interview feeling buoyed up by the knowledge that I had given the tutor a good idea of my intellectual capabilities, as opposed to crushed after going four rounds with a couple of Oxford heavyweights. I'm sure that, even if I had

been rejected by Cambridge as well, I would still have they conducted their interviews. Well, almost sure, I'm only human, after all.

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years and it is likely to be replaced by a loan scheme allowing longterm repayment conditions.

Sir Ron Dearing's committee on the future of higher education may well suggest the establishment of a learning bank, where students borrow from their own account to pay for maintenance and possibly some element of tuition.

Changes have been demanded in student funding because of the growing levels of debt, and evidence of real hardship. Financial worries may also be deterring potential students from low-income households altogether.

The National Union of Students. among others, has been pressing. for the new system to enable students to have enough money in their pockets to ensure that cash worries do not detract from their

This September's freshers may be the last to eater higher education under the present maintenance system. With the Dearing Committee reporting back this summer, the future of student finance is likely to change beyond recognition. This. may be too late for present and prospective students, so how can they make the most of their limited

Student grants are awarded by local education authorities in England and Wales and are means tested. It is a good idea to check with the appropriate body that the course applied to will attract a

The full 1997-98 grant rates for students studying in London are £2,160, elsewhere £1,755, and for students living at home, £1,435. Toensure the grant cheque arrives at college when the student does, students should apply as soon as possible, but not before Jamany of the year the course sparts. There is no need to wait until a place is.

There are also extra allowances for students with dependants, who study longer than the standard academic year and those students

administered by the Students Loan. Company and is worth a maximum of £2,035 for students studying in London, El,645 for those studying outside London, and £1,260 for those living at their parents' home (1996-97 rates)."

Students may apply for a loan only once a year. As it is a large amount of money to receive in one lump sum, students can have it paid in up to three equal instalments, which may assist in budgeting, and the student can rely on the extra income each term. However, even the combined income of a

6 When seeking an overdraft, dress smartly. It can work wonders with bank staff ?

grant and loan will often leave many students with a significant shortfall when balancing the

If this is the case, the next main source of funding available is a student overdraft. The main high street banks offer student packages. These may include cheep possessions insurance, gifts and graduate banking offers. All the student bank packages offer an interest-free overdraft up to a certain level, and this is increased for each year at

There are ways to increase the chances of getting an overdraft. A breakdown of income and expenditure will help a bank's student adviser or manager to assess your eligibility. This should include priority expenditure such rent/mortgage payments, bills such as electricity and gas, travel. books and childcare expenditure.

Entertainment and clothing should

... A final tip is to dress smartly. It can work wonders with bank staff. Don't forget to reply to bank letters

as soon as they are received and ensure that unauthorised overdrafts do not occur. Not only are these costly, but they will jeopardise future borrowing. Some students may be eligible for social security benefits. However, it is essential to seek expert advice from students' union or college welfare services to find out individual entitlements. As a gener-

al rule, single parents and students with disabilities are most likely to be eligible for some form of benefit. All students should consider applying for help with NHS costs. By filling out an HCI form (available from most college welfare services), students may be able to get free prescriptions and dental treatment, or belp towards them. If a student is receiving a full grant and a loan. and has no other income, he or she stands a good chance of receiving

Even with the grant, loan and overdraft, it may still be hard to balance the books. Students in this situation may have to get a parttime job. Many universities have set up student employment bureaux that advertise jobs with flexible working arrangements and good rates of pay. Otherwise, employment agencies and students' unions are often a good source of part-time work.

For some students, even parttime work may not solve the shortfall in their income, and an Access Fund payment may be needed. Introduced in 1990, when the majority of students lost entitlement to social security benefits, this is a hardship fund. Students apply to their college for an award which may be a non-repayable grant or repayable short-term loan. Each college has to abide by the Access Fund regulations, but will also have its own criteria (usually on a amounts vary from £100 to £3,000. campus. "When you arrive in the officer drew up a budget planner, computer and, as well as a monthly



Advice please: if the student grant and loan are not enough, the main high street banks offer competitive student packages

A lesson in planning your budget

uggling your finances can be tricky - to say the least when you are studying, as Kirstie Robbie knows better than most. Ms Robbie, 23, spent a year of her degree course in public relations at Bournemouth University, at Barclays Bank, where she worked on their student-debt campaign, a survey into student fi-

mes and debt. Ms Robbie says: "It gave me a real insight into student finances. I didn't realise how bad student debt could be. And. of course, after earning £12,000 that year, it was very difficult for me to budget my money when I went back to univer-

Ms Robbie talked to the student so the business officer at the bank on

first year, it is tempting to blow all of your money in the first few weeks," she says. "My social life was much better at university, and it was very easy to go out every night to local pubs, clubs and fresher events.

"Some people spend their entire overdraft limit at once, but find that they need it to back up their grant and loans. I don't receive a grant from my local authority, but get a parental contribution each month. I have had a few money problems, but they have been sorted out largely by my parents or

including hidden extras such as electricity and gas bills, food, travel to the campus and stationery. From this, Ms Robbie knew how much money she would need to spend each week

She says: "I worked in Top Shop during my first year so I was quite self-supporting. I had eight to ten hours of lectures each week, and the hours at the shop were quite flexible. I simply haven't had time for a job in my final year."

Ms Robbie spends £45 a week on rent, about £10 on bills and £30 to £40 on general expenses, such as food and going out. She has taken Ms Robbie and the business out a student loan for £900 to buy a

parental contribution, has an over draft of E800, "We have been encouraged to take out student loans. Some invest them, others buy a computer, and many take them out when they reach the final limit on their overdraft." she savs. "Before I took out my overdraft, my bank sat down with me and went through what I spent each week, and pointed out where I could spend less, such as on taxis to the campus and on going out."

Ms Robbie says the best approach is to work out the number of weeks in each term, your weekly expenses and then how much is left. If you blow more than your week's budget, she says, the gas bill is sure to land on your mat.

AMANDA LOOSE

When you cannot carry on

ne of the big secrets in the growth of universities is the dropout rate. Few notice that almost one in five of those going to university never finish the course.

A small sample of neigh-

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became bored after 18 months of "mediocre" teaching and a fourth realised near the end of her RADA course that the last thing she wanted to do was be

an entress. Chas Newkey-Burden, who left his BA in journalism at the London College of Printing last summer, a year early. said: "My work experience at IPC just carried on. As a backup, I asked to defer the last year of the course, but that was just an unnecessary safety net. In the end, you learn more in two days on the job than you

do in two years at university." Leda Edwards, the dean of students at the University of Bath, says: "Overall, there is a very real problem with the clearing system run by UCAS when an increasing number of students in a rushed and illconsidered way find a course, for which many are totally unsuited. Many have failed to get into the course of their first choice and this in itself

presents them with certain

problems when they start university." At present, while the noncompletion rate for university degrees is about 17 per cent. those coming from the clearing system are taking up about 20 per cent of university places. Jess Enderby, of UCAS, says: "Last year we tried to conduct a survey into whether those qualifying through the clearing system

had the worst failure rate and we found two things. Few universities had the

data and among those that did the findings were inconclusive. We would like to know if there are large numbers who. having made a rush decision to go on a course, live to regret

Failure is not confined to those who fail to get into their first-choice course or leave their application to the last

Imperial College vies with Cambridge to be the most prestigious scientific university in the UK, and straight As are normal. Yet while the dropout rate is very low - less than 2 per cent - the failure rate at the end of the first year is about 10 per cent.

John Cousins, director of undergraduate studies in electrical engineering at Imperial College, says: The students here work very hard, and some find it very difficult to change from A-level to university work. We support the students, but don't carry them - they must perform. Some are not up to it."

Others, however, feel that the larger numbers on campus lessen personal contact with tutors which may, in other circumstances, have kept

someone on the course. Kay Day, head of the academic quality unit at Manchester University, says: "Not all dropping out is negative. Many move from a course and university where they are failing to one where they do well. Our experience of dropping out is that most go in their first

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Chas Newkey-Burden: learnt more in two days at work



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Desmond Dearlove introduces a report on the first private business school in the UK to be granted degree-awarding status

Celebration for a seat of educational excellence

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Acting on the recommendation of the Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC) and the Department for Education and Employment, the Queen in Council approved an amendment to Henley and the power to award taught degrees.

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Sir Roger Hurn, chairman of
Smiths Industries and of the Court
of Governors of Henley, said: "This
is an extremely important milestone in Henley's development. In
future, a Henley degree will be one
of the best accolades someone can
have on their CV."

For Henley, one of Europe's

For Henley, one of Europe's largest international business schools, the new powers are recognition of a commitment to academic quality and will replace an arrangement with Brunel University to accredit its degrees.

Henley's principal, Ray Wild, believes that Henley's new status will allow the college to respond more flexibly to the demands of students and corporate clients.

"Because of the way manage-

"Because of the way management education is developing, it's important that we are our own masters," he says, "We have always had our own quality control, but when our degrees were awarded by Brunel we were seen by the auditing organisations as purt of Brunel's management faculty. As such we were audited second-hand.

"Universities tend to put degree courses in neat little boxes. A programme is either a distance-learning degree or it's a part-time degree. What we have to respond to

ast March, Henley Management College became in future is increasing demand for a more flexible approach, which combines elements of distance learning and face-to-face teaching und support."

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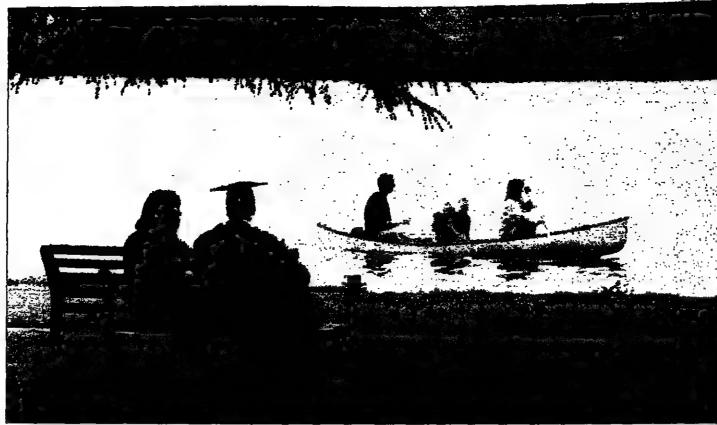
Founded in 1945, Henley was established to provide much-needed management training as Britain began to rebuild its industrial strength after the Second World War. By the 1960s and 1970s, however, as management education became recognised as a degree subject in its own right, the universities had begun to establish business schools. Now the wheel has come full circle.

Unlike a university, however, Henley has only one subject area and it is, therefore, classified as monotechnic. It will award only two types of degree: MBA and MSc, both postgraduate.

The decision to extend special status to Henley follows a rigorous evaluation by the HEQC. As a commercial organisation with no government funding, the college had to demonstrate that it would continue to meet the exacting standards required of all British degree-awarding institutions.

Henley has already told the 5,600 students currently studying for degrees what the changes will mean. Depending on how far into their course they are, they will either receive a Brunel degree or have the option of the equivalent qualification from Henley. All new students will be registered for Henley degrees.

The move represents a significant development for management education in the UK. It could also add to the debate on the shape and nature of universities that is likely to follow the publication of the Dearing Report.



Relaxation by the Thames at Henley's degree ceremony last Saturday — the last at which the college's awards will be externally ratified

Leading the learning revolution

Set in the rolling Oxfordshire countryside and nestling on the banks of the Thames, Greenlands is home to Henley Management College. The historic site, once the country retreat of Lord Hambleden and just a few miles from the home of the famous Regatta, offers a learning environment that is unsurpassed for its beauty and tranquillity.

The college offers a wide range of residential and part-time programmes, and enjoys an enviable reputation among management education institutions for innovation and flexible delivery.

Like other business schools, there are two main areas: qualification courses — in Henley's case postgraduate only — with full-time, part-time and distance-learning programmes leading to diploma level, MBA or MSc and shorter executive development courses, including the flagship four-week senior management programme and Henley's innovative business transformation programme.

How technology brings students from all over the world into the same classroom

Whereas other business schools have preferred to ring-fence the two activities to keep them apart. Henley has always preferred to link them. Ultimately, says Professor Ray Wild, Henley's principal, the college would like to award credits for all courses so that shorter residential programmes could, where appropriate, count towards a recognised qualification.

Henley prides itself on its strong links with industry and has orgoing relationships with many corporate clients. PowerGen, the international electricity company; has sent more than 300 managers to Henley since 1992 to address strategic and cultural challenges facing the company.

John Hart, the company's per-

John Harr, the company's personnel director, says: "PowerGen's relationship with Henley has flourished over the past five years. This period has seen dramatic changes to our industry and it has been vital to keep our managers up to date and to give them an opportunity to contribute to developments." Outside the UK. Henley is proba-

bly best known for its distancelearning courses, which, with 7,000 students in more than 100 countries, make up the largest part of its business. The first time many of Henley's customers set foot inside Greenlands is at graduation. Once they get a taste for it, they

Once they get a taste for it, they often come back for more. Mitra Mahabir from Trinidad, completed his MBA through distance learning, then the senior management programme. "I would not want to choose between them." he says. "They are complementary."

The college supports its overseas students through the Henley Network, a global network of institutions where students sit their exams as well. Faculty members also travel abroad to take their knowledge to students.

Today, too, new technology is revolutionising distance learning and Healey is in the vanguard of that revolution. It was one of the first business schools to introduce "groupware" to enable students in remote locations to share information and ideas.

lan Turner, director of studies for distance learning MBA and diploma programmes, says. This all about harnessing the power of new technologies, including the inseraction of the classroom, and videoconferencing technology to allow lecturers to talk to students in more than one place simultaneously."

Henley has established a sopkis-

Henley has established a sophisficated virtual learning community. To complement the electronic classroom, there is an electronic coffee room where students from all over the world can drop in for a cyber chair.

- KEY DATES

1945 The Administrative Staff College for industry and commerce is incorporated after 15 years of discussion and planning between Lyndali Uniternational Management Institute in Geneva, and Harry Swainston, sales manager of His Master's Voice. Students are offered a general management comme.

1946 Greenlands at Henley-on-Thames is leased to the college by the Hambleden family trust, of W.H. Smith bookshop fame. Six years later the college buys the property freehold.

1968 The Senior Course starts (originally called General Management Appreciation Course).

1972. Henley becomes "associated institution Brunel University".

1974 First Masters' Degree programme established.
1981 Development of first distance-learning courses,

1988 Electronic support for distance-learning MBA stu-



1990 Professor Ray Wild, shove, appointed principal.

1991 Royal Charter of Incorporation granted. Name changed to The Henley Management College.

1992 Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) programma-launched. College becomes NVC-eccredited. 1995-Fiftieth Anniversary Year. The Duke of Edinburgh is

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In a crisis? Call the troubleshooters

Widget Finn on the work of the Henley Learning Partnership

hilip James, head of human resource development at National Air Traffic Services, sees the Henley Learning Partnership as a costeffective way of tapping into the experiences and best practice of ्राः, other organisations.

During the past five years, National Air Traffic Services has gone through a period of significant change which involved cutting costs

we have become much more customer-focused, concentrating on improving our services to our customers, which are mainly airlines," says Mr James. "We've concluded that we're a service organisation like any other, and have got a lot to learn from those who have gone through the same experiences.

"Our senior managers discuss the issues which we're coming across with other members of the Henley Learning Partnership and together we work through some solutions."

The Henley Learning Partnership was established in 1995 to enable a group of corporate clients to work with the college providing learning opportunities for senior managers within their organisations.

The menu of options includes development forums which focus on key issues nominated by the participants and are headed up by highlevel speakers. Senior managers and directors can attend seminars while a consortia programme is run for groups of companies on a specific topic. Popular subjects at the moment are business transformation and scenario planning.

"Henley Learning Partnership re-sponds to the clients' needs and the changing business environment," explains Jane Cranwell-Ward, director of the partnership. "During the recession, there was little movement between companies or new blood coming in. The challenge for companies is to continue to grow the business through a cross-fertilisation of ideas and experiences."

Henley Management College promotes the partnership to attract high-calibre partners. It also acts as co-ordinator, providing a communication network for members. So far.







Winning team: Jane Cranwell-Ward, director of the Learning Partnership, the PowerGen library at Henley Management College, and Richard McBain, MBA director

18 organisations have signed up including Storehouse, Cheshire

County Council, Vodafone and IBM. The college aims to have 50 participants by the year 2000.

Nationwide Building Society, one of the members, contributed to the

research and received the final

report which, as Nationwide's corporate human resources consultant Sian Vickers points out, "saved us from having to spend time covering similar ground ourselves". The point of the forums is to get practical advice, claims Ms Vickers. "We were given information from Bar-

claycard on how they measure their training and development, while another organisation passed on advice on knowledge management." A primary aim of the partnership is to provide a business network. Anthony Eastwood, manager for general affairs at Nissan Motor GB.

outside the company who can give an unbiased opinion. "It's good to bounce ideas off someone who isn't involved but has similar experiences," says Mr Eastwood Talking

finds it useful to pick up the phone another manager gives me an and talk to other professionals understanding of what's happening understanding of what's happening in other businesses, it also reminds me that a lot of managers are facing the same sort of problems."

Meeting fellow directors and se-

nior managers informally means that people are honest about their experiences, claims Jane Cranwell-Ward. The environment of a forum is very different from a conference. and company speakers tell it how it is, rather than giving a glossy impression of how it might have been," she says. "Members find it very valuable to be learning from other's mistakes as well as their SUCCESSES."

Features under discussion for the future include the concept of troubleshooters who would provide free consultancy-type help between members to tackle a particular problem. Regular work-replacements where managers spend time in fellow-members' organisations,

are also on the agenda. The cost of an annual subscription to the Henley Learning Parmership is £3,500, which Philip James sees as good value for money. "I reckon that our organisation gets its money's worth," says Mr James, "and it's nice to work with a management college when it's not DESMOND DEARLOVE | costing us money all the time."

Getting the regalia right

ver since it re-ceived its new sta-tus jokes have been flying about Hencolours for degree gowns, Desmond Dearlove writes.

One of the more outlandish suggestions is a pinstriped gown with tasselled bowler hat to complement.

Ray Wild, Henley's principal isn't ruling it out, but suggests that something more traditional will prevail.

"A lot of people favour something with blue and green in it to denote Greenlands and the Thames," he says, "We have even thought about including packets for portable PCs and mobile

But there is no truth, he says, to rumours that the BBC will preview the new regalia on The Clothes Show.

Then there is the mace to think of. Academic power, like that of Parliament is vested in the ceremonial dub. But Henley runs courses throughout the world and the new mace may have to attend degreeawarding ceremonies in far-flung places.

A folding or telescopic mace that fits in a briefcase may be the most

practical answer. Choosing the right music. too, is a thorny issue. It has to be some thing with gravitas with-

out being stuffy.
"Personally, I favour something British," says Professor Wild. "George Harrison lives just down the road, I suppose we could ask him, or Elton John has a house not far from here." They await

Tailor-made for the real world

hen it comes to sponsor-ing MBAs, striking a balance between what's good for the company and the manager is critical. In the past, some companies sent their highflyers on full-time MBA courses only to find that time spent away from work and raised expectations meant they didn't come back.

In effect, the companies were paying for the training, but weren't ting the benefits. Today, a growing number of employers favour the Company

MBA approach offered by Henley and other UK business schools. The way the programmes are structured - a combination of distance learning and residential workshops means that managers get the oppor-

COMPANY MBAS

tunity to gain an MBA, while an element of tailoring adds value to the company's investment.

The key to the success of a Company MBA is "contextualisation". By ensuring that classroom theory is set in the context of real issues, knowledge and ideas can be imported directly into a company and applied immediately.

Henley pioneered the approach in the UK in 1986. It now runs programmes for more than 60 organisations, making it the UK market leader.

Richard McBain, director of studies of Henley's inter-company
MRA moramme says: "We MBA programme, says:

believe you can combine academic rigour with an on-going partner-ship with corporate clients. We don't alter the core contents of the MBA syllabus, but we do add value to the sponsor by focusing the theory on their business."

Henley offers three different models of company MBAs. All are part-time. Companies taking part often use their own senior managers as speakers at workshops.
For organisations wishing to

address specific internal issues. Henley offers a single company MBA or diploma where all students are drawn from a single sponsor. Unilever, PowerGen, Standard

to good effect. inter-company, or consortium MBAs, involve a group of com-panies — usually between four and

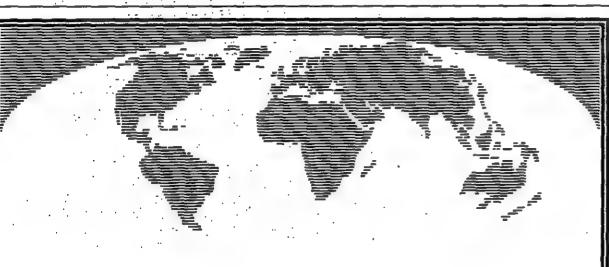
Chartered Bank, Thames Water

and the African company Ashanti

Goldfields have all used this model

six - from a cross-section of industries. More than 40 organisations have taken part, including Ford, Hewlett-Packard, BICC, Rank Xerox, Inter-Continental Hotels. Smiths Industries and the Audit Commission.

Henley's third model caters for multinational companies. Those taking part include Mercedes-Benz. Continental AG. Rank Xerox, United Distillers and Electrolux.



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FOOTBALL

Nicholl chooses to depart, Swain is given no choice

By Russell Kempson

don Town, Brighton, Plym-

outh Argyle. Southend United

and Charlton Athletic. He

joined Torquay from Charlton

last year, linking up with Kevin Hodges, his former

Plymouth team-mate, now the head coach at Plainmoor.

Regarded as one of English

football's more thoughtful

players, Nelson earned ac-

claim for his book. Left Foot

Forward, an account of life in

the League's backwaters. He is writing a follow-up, to be published later this summer.

and is very sad," Mike

Bateson, the Torquay chair-man, said, but I think it is

possibly the right move for

The break-up of the Mid-

dlesbrough team beaten in

two cup finals and relegated

from the FA Carling Premier-

ship began yesterday when Nell Cox the defender.

agreed to join Bolton Wan-derers for £1.5 million.

Calin Todd, the Bolton

manager, said of Cox. 25: "I

believe him to be more than

capable of achieving interna-

Tottenham Hotspur full back,

has ended speculation that he

may be leaving by agreeing to

sign a three-year contract with the north London club.

Justin Edinburgh, 27, the

"It came as a great surprise

wanted to.

ENGLAND'S domestic season might technically be over. with only the divisional playoffs at Wembley this weekend left to contest, but the managerial casualty-rate continues arace. Kenny Swain, of Grimsby Town, and Chris Nicholl, of Walsall, left their jobs yesterday - only Nicholl by choice - while Garry Nelson, the player-coach of Torquay United, also decided that it was time to move on.

Nelson's voluntary departure was more to do with the physical, rather than mental. state of his health. He struggled with a knee injury throughout most of the later stages of Torquay's disappointing campaign in the Nationwide League third division and decided that he could continue no longer.

He is expected to take up a fessional Footballers' Associ-

SHAY GIVEN yesterday

cleared the way for a move to Newcastle United by turning

down the offer of a new

contract with his present club.

Blackburn have had no

definite inquiries for Given

but their former manager.

Kenny Dalglish, now in

charge at Newcastle and who

brought the 2i-year-old ire-

land goalkeeper to Ewood

Park from Celtic three years

ago, is favourite to sign him.

secretary, said: "His contract

is up and he is now free to talk

to other clubs.

Tom Finn, the Blackburn

Blackburn Rovers.

ation, the players' union. "It him. We were obviously was too good an offer for me to rurn down." Nelson said. "The aware of his continuing knee problems. Football manageinjury would not have allowed ment is notoriously short-term me to compete at the level I and his new job should see him through to retirement Nelson, 36, played for Swin-

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Nicholl also went voluntarily, after 2½ years with Wal-sall. He secured promotion from the third to the second division in his first season at Bescut Stadium, but had grown increasingly disillu-sioned, particularly after the club narrowly missed qualify-ing for the play-offs this sea-son. He declined an offer to renew his contract.

"It is a sad day for the club," Jeff Bonsor, the Walsall chairman, said. "We tried to persuade Chris to stay on, but he had made his mind up. We've now got to consider a replacement but we won't be rushed into it."

Swain was dismissed by Grimsby in the wake of the club's relegation from the first division. He was assistant to Brian Laws, the former manager, who left in November. and took over the role in a caretaker capacity, but was unable to halt the slide.

"We've been disappointed with the results and also Kenny's failure to bring in new players despite money being available." Bill Carr, the Grimsby chairman, said. Alan Buckley, the former Grimsby manager who was dismissed by West Bromwich Albion in January, is the favourite to replace Swain. He pent six years at the club

during his previous spell. The departures of Swain and Nicholl bring the total of managerial casualties this season to 43, seven of them in the FA Carling Premiership.



Nick Faldo in pensive mood at Wentworth as he reflects on the phenomenon that is Tiger Woods and the American's chances of achieving a grand slam. Photograph by Adrian Sherratt. Report, page 52

Yorkshire pair prove qualified success

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

THE Yorkshire duo of Rebecca Hudson and Georgina Simpson led the qualifiers in the English women's amateur championship at Saunton yesterday. Hudson, who has won the

Yorkshire championship and the French junior championship aiready this season, was one of only three players to break par on a glorious seaside special of a day. She recorded her second successive 72, two under par, for a total of 144, five strokes ahead of her county colleague. Ra-chel Bailey, of Staffordshire, was third on 150.

Elaine Ratcliffe, the Curtis apparent she would be spared such ignominy.
Hudson's opponent this Cup player from Sandiway, feared that she would not make the matchplay stages

morning is Marilyn Henderson, an Ulsterwoman who grew up playing her golf at Castlerock, a links course as

what he was thinking and now it's behind us." Zoeller,

who described his life as

total hell" since making the

remarks, said: "We're looking

straight ahead and

Woods settles score

TIGER WOODS and Fuzzy Zoeller have put behind them the differences that arose at the Masters after a meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, where. they are playing in a US PGA Tour event this week.

after rounds of 80 and 81 but,

as the breeze freshened and

Zoeiler made comments after Woods's triumph at

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play

delightful as Saunton. Henderson, an Army wife based in Wiltshire, was one of five

players to survive a play-off after six competitors had tied on 162. Another survivor was Ker-

ry Smith, a chef from Southampton; who thought she had cooked her own goose when she took nine at the last. She now plays Bailey.

The unlucky loser in the play off was Rosalind Page, of Henbury, in Bristol, who was after their meeting: "I let him know how I feel and heard

a bit too quick on her second shot at the 1st, the extra hole, and ended in a ditch. She ran

EQUESTRIANISM

Unexpected ride lets Funnell go for treble

By JENNY MACARTHUR

A CHANCE ride has allowed Pippa Funnell to attempt a third successive victory at the Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials, which start today in Windsor Great Park. Funnell, who is poised to make her Great Britain team debut this year after successes at Badminton and Punchestown, has accepted the ride on Witch Way, an eight-year-old mare whose usual rider, Briony Holloway, has injured her back in a fall The intermediate standard trials - for which the going is reported to be "perfect" have attracted many of the sports leading names, with their younger international prospects. Charlotte Bathe, a

member of Britain's gold med-al team at the 1994 world championships, rides Round-wood, an eight-year-old, and Polly Lyon, a former young riders European champion, competes with Wat Tyler, a promising seven-year-old. Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, an Olympic team

bronze medal-winner in Atlanta, heads the foreign entry with Whit Monday, a former point-to-pointer, on which he was sixth at Pau, in France, last year. Sweden are represented by Anna Hermann, a team gold medal-witner at the 1993 European championships, on her exciting new prospect Limerick Star, a former hunter, and Paula Tornqvist, 33, a pilot who started riding only six years griffile ago, with Florry. Funnell, 28, the winner on

Marshland Rubio last year and, in 1995, on Designer Tramp, said of Witch Way: She's a lovely mare, but I'm definitely competing this year for fun and to have a nice time I'm not expecting to win.'

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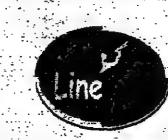
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RACING: EXTENSIVE TESTS FAIL TO PINPOINT REASON FOR EARLY DISAPPOINTMENTS

Godolphin team given all-clear

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

EXTENSIVE tests taken from each of the 56 horses in Godolphin's care have failed to pinpoint the reasons for the stable's abject start to the season. Every immate has been, given a clean bill of health and Godolphin now plans to return to the track as early as the

reveal the string to be free of above returning to the track.

Viral infection. This is the most "We might be to the track." common cause for horses performing poorly but Godol-phin's team has not been so afflicted. The situation remains baffling," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said. We don't know why the horses have been running so badly. The tests show them to be in good health so we will slowly get the show back on the road."

horses from their engagements in the wake of a bitterly disappointing day at York on Thursday. The stable was shut down after Classic Cliche and Asas both finished tailed off in their respective races — al-though Blue Duster and Diffident ran creditably in the Duke Of York Stakes. However, given the test results, The blood samples flown to Cristerd said there was noth-

runner over the weekend and I expect we will be more widely represented next week."

Crisford said. "We will do all we can to assess each horse before they run but we cannot. be sure how they will perform. They are not carrying any virus or disease. Many trainers have been in a similar situation where their horses have run inexplicably badly."

A decision on Stowaway's participation at Doncaster on Saturday will be made late today, although Crisford maintained the colt had plenty to prove to justify his Derby entry. Stowaway was one of 34 colts to stand their ground

HITTAID EVENS

Nap: ROCK ISLAND LINE (5.05 Newcastle) Next best: Stoppes Brow (3.10 Goodwood)

yesterday for the Blue Riband on June 7. Among them is King Of Swing, an Americantrained colt who may yet contest the 12-furlong classic at Meanwhile, the Oaks pic-

absence from the Oaks. We didn't know anything about any of them and it is expensive to keep entering them in group one races. The Ribblesdale ture remained as murky as ever after Maid Of Camelot, Stakes at Royal Ascot would be a natural race for her."

Goodwood yesterday.

Maid Of Camelot was well

Keyboogie had every chance

but this staying type failed to quicken in a slowly-run affair. "We had the cough last

autumn and couldn't work

any of the backward two-year-

olds," Roger Charlton, who

trains Maid Of Camelot, said

by way of explaining the filly's

who is not entered for the Also bound for the royal fixture is St Radegund, owned, fillies' classic, proved too strong for Priena and Keyboogle, her better fancied like Maid Of Camelot, by Anthony Oppenheimer. St stable companion, in the Radegund has the Jersey Stakes on her agenda after the Green Desert filly quickened away from Blueygreen in the Metsa-Serla Paperboard Ltd Maiden Fillies' Stakes. Tripleprint Lupe Stakes at ridden by Tim Sprake, who made the running before rallying with gusto when headed by the eventual runner-up.

The promising Shadow Of Doubt is bound for the Coventry Stakes after holding Arpeggio's late challenge in the concluding EBF Equity Finan-cial Collections Maiden Stakes for two-year-olds.

Robert Sangster, part-owner of Shadow Of Doubt, is likely to be two-handed in the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Sunday. In addition to Revoque, quoted at 5-4 on by Ladbrokes, Sangster's silks are to be carried by Romanov. The same firm introduced the colt into the betting at 8-1.



Maid Of Camelot draws clear in the Tripleprint Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

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3.40 BOOKER FOODSERVICE HANDICAP (57,310: 1m 4f) (9 numers)

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4.10 RUMART CHAMPAGNE CONQUEROR STAKES (Listed race: £11,954, 1m) (9 runners)

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4.45 RACING CHANNEL APPRENTICE HANDICAP

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Damaged arm ligaments force Fallon to take break

KIEREN FALLON was forced to give up his last three rides at Goodwood yesterday, and will not ride today, after damaging ligaments in his arm while partnering Sir Joey into second place in the Goodwood Park Hotel Handicap. He was stood down by the racecourse doctor.

"I've pulled some ligaments in my right arm riding Sir Joey,"
Fallon said. "I'm going to have some physic now. I won't be
riding tomorrow. I don't know how long I will be out of action. but it will be for more than a day."

Fallon was due to parmer Valedictory for his main employer.

Henry Cecil, at Goodwood today, as well as John Dunlop's Captain Horatius in the listed Festival Stakes. Richard Hughes has been booked for the ride on Valedictory.

The injury will come as a blow to Fallon, who is two winners behind Pat Eddery in the race for the jockeys' championship, and five ahead of Frankie Dettori.

Haydock fixture in doubt

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jeopardy, forcing the stewards to inspect the course at Sam today to determine whether racing will be able to take place tomorrow.

"The going is heavy at present," Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, reported yesterday. "After exceptional weather conditions. including a tornado and torrential rain which followed. two inches of rain over the

EXCEPTIONALLY heavy weekend parts of the straight rain has put Haydock Park's are waterlogged. two-day weekend fixture in Arkwright added: The

forecast isn't too bad but I am not very optimistic for Friday. The stewards will inspect at Sam tomorrow to determine prospects for racing on

Three races from Saturday's fixture are due to be televised on BBCl, with the two feature events being the listed Leahurst Sandy Lane Rated Stakes and the £30,000added Tote Silver Bowl.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

(£3,420: 1m 4f 93yd) (4)

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,514: 6f) (11)

missing the best of quality reading without it. 4.00 JAMES FLETCHER MARQUEES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,485: 1m 2t 32yd) (5) DOWN HEARTED W Kerng 9-0 ... J Quiess DREAM OF NURSHI 28 D Loder 9-0 ... D R McCobe ESHTIAAL 12 J Distop 9-0 ... B Hills GNAVALI 25 D Mortey 9-0 ... G Center MEMORISE 16 H Coci 9-0 ... W Ryan

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2.30 Prince Foley, 3.00 Baby Jane, 3.30 Lord Smith. 4.00 Memorise, 4.30 Ledy Sheriff, 5.05 Epic Stand, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 OCCHI VERDI.

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTHERSHIP NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,068: 51) (10 runners) JYFCE STARES (2"1"0, 20,000. 0, 7, 100. 0, 7) (4) 1231 PRINCE FOLEY 13 (0,F,6) W 6 M Tumer 9-6 (14.68.06;17)

16 OCDA VERDI 22 (D.F) M Johnston 8-13 J McSeller (7) 89
34 POETTO 5 (B.BF) & Meeten 6-12 J Weaver 80
3 PREMIUM PURSUIT 54 R Ealery 6-12 A Contracts
2 PRIX STAR 13 C Parturat 8-12 D Mccleown 94
27 BRANSTON BERRY 17 (D.S) J Eyes 8-11 M Gallagher 94
1 ANGEL HILL 17 (D.G) T Baron 8-9 W Hyus 88
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3.00 RAMSIDE EVENT CATERING HANDICAP

1 (1) DD45 EASLE CAMPON 14 (D.F.65 B Hardway 4-6-11 . W Ryan 2 (4) -323 SHAFFSHAYES 16 (B.F.6) Mis M Reveloy 5-6-4 D Mischema 3 (2) 6211 BASY JAME 20 (D.F.65 B Mischappart 3-6-3 P Bloomfeld 4 (3) 0656 LORD HASTIE 19 (CD.F.6.5) C Transfer 9-7-10 J Dunin 11-8 Baby Jane, 2-1 Shaffshopen, 9-2 Engle Conyon, 6-1 Lord Hasbe.

3.30 IT CERTAINLY BEATS WORKING CLAIMING

4.30 seaton burn distaff handicap (£3,501: 5f) (10)

8 (5) 600- MADAM ZANDO 240 J Bakkon 4-7-11 Damen McDell (5) 93 9 (1) 00-0 PANCY CLARCY 14 (B) Mess L Siddal 4-7-10 N Carlisin 86 10 (10) -056 CHROMOTAGAM 21 L Loyd-James 5-7-10 ... J Outen 98 5-2 Lady Sperill, 4-1 Chilling, 5-1 Befard Lady, 7-1 Parlson, Storest Harbour, 8-1 Superfells, 14-1 Maxiem Zoodo, 16-1 others.

13-8 Estimal, 2-1 Mercurisa, 5-2 Desam Ol Russe. 8-1 Khayah, 33-1 Dann

5.05 BRANDLING HOUSE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,882: 1m 3yd) (12) (0) 020- KIPPLAN 156 M Johnson 9-6. J Waver 97
(7) -0-11 CARLTON 12 (6) 6 Levis 9-3. Paul Eddary 95
(8) -223- EPIC STAND 10 00 EPJ Mas J Ratisters 9-0 F Lynch (3) 68
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(9) -00 M ANA COUNTAIN 12 J Bartels 9-9 M Rycon 80
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2.20 Red Tel. 2.50 Boots N All. 3.20 Ath Cheannaithe, 3.50 Santelle Boy, 4.20 Jobesgoodun. 4.55 Up The Tempo.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.20 SIMPKINS EDWARDS BRANCH OFFICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,819: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

| PIO22 BAYERO 17 (8.8) C Egroto 6-11-6 N Williamson | 1902 BAYERO 17 (8.8) C Egroto 6-11-6 N Williamson | 2 0000 JEWEL THEF 19 (V.F) G Bairon 7-11-0 N F 9 Shrenkon (7) | 3 PE27 MIRAMARKE 20 (F) A House 7-11-0 N F 9 Shrenkon (7) N PAR OCTOBER BRIEW 20 (V.C.D.F. 0.5) N Fpq 7-11-0 N F 9 Shrenkon (7) S 3220 RED TEL 9 (BF.F) M Fpq 5-11-0 N Fpq 7-11-0 N Fqq 10 Fq 10 N Fqq 7-11-0 N Fqq 10 N Fq 9-2 Bayerd, 5-1 Miramans, Pushon, 6-1 Red Tel Entry Bold 8-1 October Brew, Grille's Barl, 10-7 others.

2.50 CORPORATE SERVICES BROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,250: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

12 PSF4 TARREU'S DELIGHT 12 (6) R Baier 9-10-0 . V Szaberv 7-2 Boots N AS, 9-2 Bister Monthlette, 6-1 Copheen Huro, Mr Physiol, 13-2 Visco Wonder, 6-1 Count Master, Williams, 12-1 others.

3.20 PUTTING YOUR BUSINESS FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,677: 2m 3f 110yd) (5)

ANDICAP HUMBLE (2.4.017. Can on 11070, N.,

1. 810 STORM DUST 19 (F.6.5) Mas H Knapht 8-11-10... J Cutory

2. 0022 FAISTING 27 (D.B.F.) P Habbs 5-10-6... N Williamson

3. 6342 STAR PERFORMER 15 (6) A Habbs 6-10-8 Mr 6 Sharder (7)

4. 1231 BURLINGTON SAM 40 (C.F.G.) A Habbs 9-10-2 (7)

5. 0211 ATH CHEARMATTIE 17 (V.C.D.F.G.) J Newtle 5-10-2 5-2 Alb Creencuine, 11-4 Faustino, 3-1 Burlagion Sam, 5-1 Storm Dust, 6-1 Star

3.50 ES LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 2m 7l 110yd) (9)

1 2129 STOPMITHACKER 33 (D.F) C. Weedto 8-12-0. M. Richards
2 ULZE DURDER 22 (F) P. Rectical 7-11-0. M. STARTAN
3 D-PF HALKOPOUS 50 (F.G.S) Mass V Williams. 11-11-0 M. Williamson
4 5322 JOHANS CHUDLEGH 17 (B.F.G) R. Fritzi 10-11-0. J. Fritsi
5 31BU LEF PEERASE 19P (F) A Barrow 12-11-0. Mr R Windows (7)
6 6R WITHYCOMBE HILL 108 P Hobbs 7-11-0. Mr R Windows (7)
7 432P (G.P) GARNARSE FRIE 12 (V.F) M Pipe 7-10-9 ... A P Micro
8 P-22 NIW CRYSTAL 57 (C.F) A Houtes 6-10-9 ... R Screene
9 4254 SAMTELLA BOY 36 (B.C.F) C. Mann 5-10-7 ... R Danwoods
9 4254 SAMTELLA BOY 36 (B.C.F) C. Mann 5-10-7 ... R Danwoods
4 Constitution 2-3 Symbol Rev. 7-3 Houtes 6-10-9 ... Callege (5) 11-4 Securitation 3-7 Santelis Boy, 7-2 Haltenphus, 6-1 Giergand Get, 7-1 Ka Crystel, 12-1 Jones Chudleigh, Wahycombe Hell, 25-1 others.

4.20 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,547: 3m 2f) (12)

4.55 SELF ASSESSMENT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,295: 2m 3t 110yd) (10)

4-1 Satecracker, 5-1 Regal Bern, 6-1 Sigua To Speak, Convaught's Pride, 7-1 Genericus, Cammal Cloud, 8-1 Loud Natrogen, 10-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to soft
2.10 (7): 1, ST RADEGUND (M Hills, 3-1
Inty, 2. Blueygreen (J Read, 20-1), 3
Doyette (L Detron, 8-1) ALSO RAN 6
ARAblas (Sth), 13-2 Sceptire Lady, 7
Ascalal, 8 Khawshi (eth), 12 Blue Lamp, 14
Senonta Matikda, 20 Anchored in Love,
Chinaberry (4th) 50 Cheek To Cheek, 86
Rhyng Colours, Wintered Out, 100
Mamma Lusg: Marsa's Fer 16 ran NR
Regal Academy, 2-bl. 3al, 3al, 11, 2-bl. G
Viragg at Newmarkel Toto E4 80, 52 00,
E4 70 E2 30 DF E65 40 Trio E114 80
CSF E65 62
2.40 (65) 1, OGGI (R Cochrane, 11-1), 2,

24 70 12 30 DF 265 40 True £114 50 CSF £65 62 2 40 (65) 1. OGGI (R Cochrane. 11-1), 2. Sir Josy (K FaSon, 6-1), 3. See-Deer (L Dettro, 6-1 tev) 4. Werning Time (R Hughes, 33-1) ALSO RAN 10 Mari (5th), Purple Fing. 11 Boxiden Rose, Charlie Sheit, 12 Apobo Red, Double Bourse (6th), 14 Kadee Lad, 16 Caneline. 20 Indian Relative, Montendre. 25 Bold Efont. 33 Alkalim, Master Planner. Varnishing Dey, 40 Hard To Figure 19 ran NR For The Present 11-1, sh hd, hd, sh hd, 11, P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey Tote, C10 50 52 20, 21 60, C15 0, S1 10 DF £31.60 Tho £26 50 CSF £64 81 Those. £361 48.

3.10 (1m 21) 1, MAID OF CAMELOT (7 Sprake, 10-1), 2 Prienta (K Darley, 7-1), 3 Keyboogle IJ Red, 3-11 ALSO RAN 9-4 tay Mestified (4th), 4 Dust Dancer (5th), 10 Lycity (8th), 20 Dundel 7 ran NR Shouk 13 Ind. 144, 61 21 R Charlion at Beckhampton Torle £10 80, £3.30. E3 30 Df 522 80 CSF £65 31 3.40 (1m £1) 1, IVUSH (R Hills, 11-1), 2. Releaserier Strucknet (T Curre \$11, 3, \$11, 3 All 13, 3 All 14, 3

SPECIALISTS

NEWCASTLE: Trainers, J Duntop, 12 winners from 38 numbers, 31 6%, D Morley, 10 from 32, 31 3%; H Cacil 8 from 31, 26 6%, D Loder, 3 from 13 23 1%; M Johnston 22 from 134, 16 4%; C Thomton, 6 from 41 14 6%, Jackeys: Paul Eddery, 5 winners from 20 ndes, 25,0%; W Ryen, 10 from 52, 19,2%; J Westver, 22 from 115, 19 1%; G Duffield, 13 from 85 15 1% Paul Roberts, 3 from 23, 13,0%; D R McCabe, 3 from 27, 11 1%.

SCETER: Trainers: C Marr. 5 winners from 12 numers: 41 7%; Mast H Frieth; 34 from 101, 33 7% M Pipe, B1 from 336, 26 5%; N Renderson, 6 from 26, 23 1%; P Flobbs: 24 from 131, 18 3%; R Almer, 10 from 76, 13 2%; Jockeys: R Dunwoody, 34 winners from 139 notes; 24 5%; A P McCoy, 25 from 109 22.9%; P Holley, 12 from 65, 18 5%; M A Ridger aid; 17 from 113, 16 0%; C Maude, 12 from 82, 14 6%; J Culloty, 9 from 68, 13 2%

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Bechambton Tote 210 80; (23.9).

13.30 OF 528 0 CSF 56.31

3.40 (fm £) 1 JYUSH (R Hills, 11-1), 2

Behamian Sunshine (T Curin, 8-1), 3 Air
Ouest (K Darley, 8-1) ALSO RAN 3-11av
General Assembly, 4 Rokety Bowl (2h),
7 Male-Ana-Mou Snow Princes (4th) 8
Benation (5th) 16 Royal Scrinds 9 tan
3: 3t 5t hd, 3t, 2h; E Dunkor 8
Newmarkst Tote £15.50 £3.40 £3.50

S2.20 DF £79.50 Tho £28.60 £3.67

£28.25 Tricast, £623.63

4.10 (1m) 1, HURTLEBERRY (L Dettor)
7-1), 2. Orange Place (T Curin, 6-1 fray), 3 Kinstaer (R Hills 6-1 fray), 4 Nuclear (3th) 1 Banzhal, Controrder, 11 Sur's
Resum (5th), 16 Crempton, 14 Oberton 3

Dert, 16 Coastquardt Haro Mr Rough, Warren Knight 20 Ordeus, Regal Spfendour 25 Superior Force (6th) 53 Jaazom, Moi Canerd 17 ran, NR Thatchmaster in, 14 31, shind 2 Lord Hurtmodon at West lister, Tote £5.80 £1.50, £1.60

£3.00, £2.20, DF £10.50 Tho £28.30

CSF, £44.24 Thoast, £2£2.34, Alter a steveards inquiry result stood.

4.45 (6t) 1 SHADOW OF DOUBT (J Red), 5-6 tav) 2 Arpeggio (L Dettor), The Chael, 33 Mu-Arris, Paymaker 18 ran.

2-1), 3, Inclian Miseile (R Hés. 13-2) ALSO RAN 16 Carouse (5th), 20 Supecalitegalist Mith 50 Argumentative, Besic Style Sassy (6th) 8 ran NR Solo Supecalitragulatik (4th) 50 Argumentariva, Basic Style Sassiv (8th) 8 rain NR Solo Sonti NA, 51, 61, 141, nk. P.Chapple-H-jam at Martion Tote: 52 40, 51 40, 51 20, 51 60 DF, 52 10, Tho 52 50 CSF 52 46 Placepot (809.80. Quadpor C322.00. Worcester Going: soli Pleaseoct: £895.20. Quadpot: £70.80

Going: soit comg: sorr
2.30 (5): 1. MEAVENLY ABSTONE (J F
Egan, 11-2); 2. One Singer (J Weaver, 7-4
[-tev); 3. Vice Presidental (J Carroll, 7-4
(-tav) ALSO PAN 8 Facts Whitchy (6th), 25
Sellut Rose (4th), 65 Solo Song (5th), 100
Innetsong, 7 ren. 11, 21, 3-4, 41, 21, P
Evans at Welshpool Tote (2): 10, 22, 90
£1,10 DF-£7 00 CSF £11.99

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\$.00 (5f) 1, RICH GLOW (S Drowne, 11-2),
2, Goretski (P Frederichs, 3-1 p-law),
3, Just Bob (J Stack, 3-1 p-law),
4,150 RAN

7 Leading Princess, & Cross The Border
(6fin), Patacegate Jack, 12 King O Show
(5fin), 20 Ready Teddy (4fin), 100 Lord
Complicious 9 ran - 4, 344, 744, 8-21,
8 Bycroft at Brandsby, Toke: \$3 10, \$120,
\$1,70 \$1.30 DF \$11.20 The \$9.00 CSF
\$19.96 Tricksl \$52.98

2.30 (Im 2) 1, GOOD DAY (D Mckeown 15-8): 2, Guard A Dream (A Cultane, 11-2), 3, Nukud (G Duffield 7-1; ALSO RAN 6-1 (av Italian Symphony (Rh), 4 ran, 25) dist, 13: C Thomton at Middioham Tota £2:20, DF £6:60 CSF £9:12

2.20 (2m hole) 1, MELT THE CLOUDS (A P McCoy, 11-8 tay), 2. Mazzamet (15-9), 3. Santella Cape (16-1). ALSO FAN: 10 Harranala (4th) 5 tan NR Sponcer Stallone 1 vil. 8t 14 Page Tale C1 40 £1 20, £1 10 DF £1 10 CSF £2 64 2.50 (2m of hole) 1. HELLO ME MAN (Mr. J. L. Lowelyn, 4-11. C. Lypherd's Fabre (9-1), 3. Prime Of Life (9-1), 4.50 RAV (7-2) av Vining Dream, 11-2 Jav Sm.Ers. (4th) 10 rm. 116. Genderun, Mollie Shers. Sour To Speak. Hi, 131. E. Liewaltyn. Toloca (16.0, 63.20. E4.90. DF. £13.50. Trico. £4.80. CSF. £29.35. Trico. £4.80. CSF. £20. CSF. £29.35. Trico. £4.80. CSF. £29. CSF. £29

CSF £1.91.
3.50 (2m hdle) 1. STAY WITH ME (J. Caborine, 6-5 tory, 2. Classic Pai (6-1) 3. Daily Sport Grif (7-2) ALSO RAN: 4. Courageous Fright (4th), 5 ran NR Above The Crit, Frascr Cartey £1, 3-1 C Egerton Tore £1,80, £1 10, £2 10 CF £2 80 CSF £6 60 4.20 (2m 7) 110vd chi 1 STRAY HARMONY (T J Murphy, 66-1), Irushed alone 8 ran NR Westcote Lad R Smith Tote (2810) (2013) DF £1840 Tho

horse
4.55 (2m fluir 1, LEWESDON MANOR (J. Osborna, 9-1) 2, The Village Way (9-11 lay) 3, Kerry's Oats (20-1) ALSO RAN 12. Royal Toast (4th), 13 ren NRF Bransharw Wood 11 51 P. Webber Tole Chi 60, 51 90, 51 50, 56 60. DF 57 30. Tho Ch46 60 (part with pool of 287 15 carred forward to 3.10 at Goodwood today). CSF C14 81.
5.55 (2m fluir 1, ANDS/IESNH (G. Bracch, 50 and 15 a

1,14 E7 Sept. 1, ANDSUEPHI (G Bress), 5.2 p-lav) 2 Stormhill Stag (d-1), 3, Never in Debt (11-2) ALSO PAN 5.2 p-lav Blazer 23 Tyrmply (4th 12 stor 8, 1-4) C Brooks Tote £4.20 C1 40, £1 70, £2.20 DF £26 70 The £36 70 CSF £21 36

Placepot: £8,041.10 (part won, pool of £7,710.71 carried (grward). Quadpot not won (pool of £448.21 carned forward).

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CRICKET

Kent pegged back after stirring strokes from Ward

HORSHAM (first day of four: Kent won toss): Sussex, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 143 runs behind Kent

APART from the awful overrate, it was all as it should have been; a full day's cricket considering the ravages to the county programme elsewhere, and some compensation for the loss of three complete days week last year.

In many ways, it was a curiously old-fashioned day's play, too - appropriate for a fixture last played on this ground in 1927 - in which swing bowling of a full length was best rewarded and batsmen who got to the pitch of the ball and swung the bat straight and true had their fair share of success.

For Sussex, this was epitomised by Keith Newell's medium-paced outswingers along the line of the off stump. which brought him careerbest figures of four for 61. For Kent, there was Trevor Ward's rumbustious 67 from 85 bails. with 12 fours, which threatened to take the match away from Sussex almost before it

With four wickets down overnight, the Sussex batsmen have not quite managed to complement a pretty good performance in the field. With good spells from Jarvis and Drakes in support of Newell, they were brisk and businesslike. Moores is a good wicketkeeper and a cheerful captain and yesterday, at any rate, his charges responded well, taking eight wickets for less than 100 after Kent's racing start to 119 for one.

A last-wicker stand featuring the injured David Fulton removed some of the gloss but bowling out Kent for less than ment and Greenfield's subsequent resistance for almost two hours helped keep a smile on the face of Robin Marlar.

the new Sussex chairman. Conditions were such that batting was an option that Marsh probably took with mixed feelings after winning the toss, for there was every prospect of assistance for the seam-up bowlers in the dank, humid conditions. Not that the Sussex bowlers exactly rushed to grasp the opportunities

True, Jarvis was lively and menacing. He struck Fulton on the left arm with the second ball of the day and when the batsman left for hospital and an X-ray, a broken arm seemed a strong possibility. When he returned — nothing worse than bad bruising hav-ing been diagnosed — Kent

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BOWLING McCague 7-1-20-0; Philips 8-2-23-2, Flaming 12-3-38-0; Strang 11-6-12-2 Bonus pomis: Suspex 4 Kent 2.

were in a pickle and he was needed to stiffen resistance.

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However, the Fulton incident apart, the early exchanges favoured Kent. Ward was in attacking form and Walker his usual ebullient

self, although he perished

early to a beauty from Jarvis. Ward's strokeplay was chiefly responsible for Alan Wells coming in to face his former team with the score beyond 50 in the day's ninth over. Drakes's no-balling contributed to this state of affairs more than it should have. In his first spell of five overs he yielded 33 runs, ten of them from no-balls, and you had to wonder at the lack of discipline involved.

Drakes made up for it later when he made searching in-roads into Kent's middleorder, but meanwhile Kent, chiefly through Ward, had been making swift progress.
When Ward drove Robinson for four to bring up the 100, it was the sixteenth boundary of the day in the eighteenth over and Ward had long since passed his half-century, with nine fours, from 55 balls. Kent looked set for a big score.

Yet Newell had already cast a small shadow. Suddenly there was playing and missing outside the off stump and even Ward could be seen to chafe at

In quick succession, he was caught behind from an Indiscreet waft and then Wells was caught in the gully. Newell had taken two for five in 15 balls and, for Sussex, this was the start of something very much better.

Graham Cowdrey played well for a while and Fulton held things together towards the end of the innings. Although Ben Phillips kept Sus-sex in check when they batted. you could not help but admire

From angry young man to old swinger

Simon Wilde finds

Phillip DeFreitas

at peace with the world on his return

to the England side

or the umpteenth time, English cricket is aim-I ing for a fresh start at Headingley roday. If you require an early indication as to how it is going, you could do worse than keep an eye on Phillip DeFreitas, all-rounder and the best barometer there is of the nation's cricketing fortunes.

When Defreitas is doing well England tend to do well; when he does badly they usually do badly. He was there when England last won the Ashes, under Mike Gatting, ten years ago. He was there as a destructive new-ball bowler when West Indies were held 2-2 in 1991. He was there as a dangerous lower-order hitter when runs were essential to Australia's defeat at Adelaide in 1995.

He was also there at the start of three of the past four Ashes campaigns: Head-ingley 1989, Old Trafford 1993 and Brisbane 1994. Disasters all. In the last, DeFreitas launched the series by bowling a wide long-hop that Slater gratefully larruped to the boundary. That was as long as that particular fresh start fasted. He was there, too, when England tried in vain to garner the last few runs needed to win the World Cups of 1987 and 1992 and there when Javasuriva tore them to shreds in the quarterfinal at Faisalabad early last year, DeFreitas taking so much punishment that be finished up bowling off spin. That was his most recent game for England. Many thought it would be his last.

But DeFreitas, who runs in to bowl as though Big Bad Wolf is trying to blow his house down, is nothing if not a survivor. He has been dropped and recalled from the side so many times that everyone has lost count. In the early days this was re-



DeFreitas, who has known triumph and despair as an England player, will run in with renewed enthusiasm against Australia at Headingley today

the sages muttered. Now, it is seen as a strength: clearly. they say, he is too good to be

In fact, in all the to-ing and fro-ing, he has rarely been far from the selectors' thoughts.

from the Test side began two years ago, he had been ignoted for an entire series, home or away, only twice (against India in 1990 and West Indies in 1993-94) and his place in the limited overs side was more or less taken

last dropped, he had appeared in 101 out of the 128 one day internationals Eng-land had played since his

has had an interesting effect on DeFreitas. He used to be

fell out with county team-mates and railed at his reject tions. But, perhaps because he has suffered so much, he now displays an inner peace and, though he is 31, is once again running around "like a 9-year-old".

He was content to spend last winter at home for the first time in 12 years, carefully monitoring his diet and fit ness and acting as an ambas-sador for Derbyshire in the local community, attending dinners and visiting junior schools ("the teachers were pretty surprised to see me, he recalls). Only the other day he said that he had never doubted that England would call on him again.

He has returned so often after being written off that the press have now tired of

'He has been dropped and recalled so many times everyone has lost count

career has ended. And DeFreitas, who used to be suspicious of the men from the media, engages them

On Wednesday he even fed more comebacks than Sin atra," he said. "Never mind ol' blues eyes. Brown eyes is back." Everyone wrote it down. They — we — would never have dared reheat such hackneyed phrase but, because DeFreitas said it, it

Asked how he felt about his bowling being dismantled during the decisive phase of a limited overs match on Sunday by a man who only hours earlier had chosen him for the Texaco Trophy squad, he was amiability itself. "Gatt was great at Lord's," he said. "So helpful Anything can happen in these Sunday

If this latest fresh start is to

of returning form

BY RICHARD HOBSON

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Hampshire have scored 94 for one wicket against Glamorgan

MATTHEW HAYDEN'S reluctance to leave the crease yesterday. was understandable. Leaning on his bat as darkening skies showed every intention of bursting open, he appeared crestfallen as Kevan James, his partner, opted to go off for bad light. Minutes later, it poured.

Hayden has endured a difficult time since joining Hampshire at the start of the season. The presence in this country of the Australia side of which he had hoped to be a member can only have heightened his concern.

His form has mirrored that of his completed his first half-century in 14 innings against county opposi-tion in all competitions, he wanted to add to his tally while the force

Hampshire are the only side with two championship defeats this season and but for rain, they would have lost to Essex, too, as they were chasing 538 when the heavens opened at Chelmsford.

Conditions were more tolerable at Sophia Gardens yesterday but 67 overs were lost in total. Yet. during what play was squeezed between interruptions. Hampshire proceeded with a little more confidence than could have been expected, given those previous results.

Glamorgan, after winning the toss, did not utilise the conditions to anything like as well as Matthew Maynard must have envisaged when he turned his bowlers loose. Only one wicket fell, in the seventh over, when Giles White pushed forward uncertainly to Wagar Younis and offered a thick edge to Steve James at third slip.

Thereafter, Hayden and James added 74 in 30 overs. The cricket was of that fascinating but unspectacular nature that provokes passionale chatter amony connoisseurs but leaves the remainder of the population baffled as to the appeal of the sport.

A two-paced pitch demanded suspicion, as aficionados recognised. Only rarely did Hayden complete his strokes with a full follow-through. His half-century, from 42 balls, included just four boundaries and two of those came when he had already passed 40, as he pushed Thomas and Watkin watchfully through long-off. His one moment of fortune came at 31, when Morris dropped a difficult

catch at slip off Wagar. In terms of defensive skills. James lost nothing by comparison with his partner, indeed, it was he who faced the most searching deliveries from Watkin, which screamed menacingly from a

length before text. Had Hayden been at the striker's end to deal with these, he might have made his final exit with a little more enthusiasm.

Hayden offers hint | Curran's bright contribution | Somerset cursing adds to Lancashire's gloom

By Barney Spender

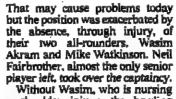
OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 281 for four wickets against Lancashire

IT IS one of the anomalies of cricket that Lancashire have not won the county championship outright since 1934. True, they did share it with Surrey in 1950 and they have won a host of one-day competitions. but, given their pedigree and the quality players to have worn the red rose, it is a puzzling return.

Yesterday, Brian Statham, Clive Lloyd, Farokh Engineer and Jack Simmons all came to Old Trafford to lend their support to the latest vintage but, after a hard-nosed, attritional day's cricket, they must have left with the feeling that it will be at least another year before the crown returns to Manchester.

Already propping up the table, they were made to sweat by some graft from the Northamptonshire top order before Kevin Curran brightened everyone's day with a bustling 91 not out. Another nine runs this morning will give him the county's first championship hundred of the season.

When bad light stopped play with the regulation 104 overs bowied, Northamptonshire had reached the potentially powerful position of 291 for four. In mitigation. Lancashire had five first-team players missing. With Mike Atherton. John Crawley and Graham Lloyd all on England duty, the heart is missing from their batting.



a shoulder injury, the bowling lacked a cutting edge, and without



Curran: bustling innings

Watkinson's off spin, they were short of a bowler to bottle up one end. All the bowlers struggled. although Gary Keedy, their Yorkshire-born slow lest-armer, found enough turn in the middle session to collect the wickets of Rob Bailey and Richard Montgomerie. These two had come together

when Mal Loye was undone in the

morning by the low bounce and top-edged an attempted pull. War-ren Hegg took the catch but later had to leave the field with back spasms and was replaced behind the stumps by Fairbrother. Bailey, missed by Fairbrother at

slip off Gary Yates when he had eight, and Montgomerie added 91 in 40 overs before Keedy, switching to the Warwick Road end, got them both. Bailey, having reached 58. pushed forward and edged to stilly point and, four overs later, Montgomerie, whose painstaking 49 came from 173 balls, was also beaten by spin and Jason Gallian took a comfortable catch at slip.

Curran then took the initiative for Northamptonshire. His first scoring shot was a straight lofted six off Keedy and he timed the ball well enough to stroke six more boundaries on his way to a 70-ball half-century. He had one let-off, on 21, when Peter Martin failed to hold a share return catch and later rubbed salt in the wound by hitting him straight for a low flat six, the shot of the day. Curran, who raised the hundred

partnership with Tony Penberthy by pulling Martin for successive boundaries, was making batting look easy but, at the other end, his partner never looked at ease. He reached 32, and the partnership 117, but it was no surprise when he gleefully greeted the introduction of Steve Titchard by smashing his very occasional medium pace straight to Yates in the covers.

luck with weather

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT WILL rain for 30 days, a local sage predicted at Taumon yester-day morning. By the time play was called off at 2.30pm on the opening day of Somerset's championship match against Yorkshire, it seemed a month's water had poured from the sky in half an hour.

The outfield was dotted with puddles, and there was no point in the umpires "having a look" later. It was so wet that, even if the weather improves, play may not resume on time today. Only 22 overs were possible in

that first session because heavy rain overnight means that play started 45 minutes late. Yorkshire ciuse to but and, though they. might not regret the decision, they will regret the way they played. Both openers went inside three overs, with Martyn Mozon scoreless on his first championship

appearance of the season.

The former captain fell to Kevin.
Shine while Andrew Caddick, in an impressive ten-over spell, removed Michael Vaughan, David Byas made 18 before he shouldered arms to Graham Rose and was bowled: With such a strong attack, Somer-ser's championship potential is obvious but they are going to need better luck with the weather. Their first three games were washed out when they were in powerful

Warwickshire and Middless could be excused for feeling partic-ularly frustrated at Efiguration; where there was no play even

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though no rain fell after 10am. There were four inspections by the umpires before hope was abandoned. But why had the famous Brumbrella mobile cover not been

Dennis Amiss, Warwickshire's chief executive, said: "We left it off deliberately to help our preparations for the Test match, which starts in just over a formight.
"We could not have played in the

morning because the outlield was so wet. We might have played in the afternoon but everyone knows of our concern about preparing the best possible surface for the Test. We are trying to give the square

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every chance.
"Steve Rouse (the head groundsmani will probably use the Brumbrella more sparingly in the future. It could have worked against us in the past in keeping rain off the soil. I know we can use sprinklers, but they don't give us the natural nutrients we get from

Durham, having lost a lucrative one day match against the Australians on Tuesday because of rain, were out luck again yesterday when the opening day of the game against Worcestershire was washed out.

Also inactive were Gloucestershire, the championship leaders, and Essex, who will hope to launch the King's School, Gloucester, festival week today and Leicestershire the title-holders, who are entertaining Surrey at Grace Road.

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CRICKET: DERBYSHIRE CAPTAIN EMPHASISES AUSTRALIA'S DEPTH OF TALENT

Jones takes the lead with Clarke in support

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four: Nottinghamshire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 283 for five wickets against Nottinghamshire

THIS was a day for the accumulator, the acquisitive run-getter. That nobody made more of it than Dean Jones, an Australian whose reputation was forged in the one-day was lorged in the but his game, says much about his character and, indeed, something about why Derbyshire wanted him to be their capwanted mm as to string, they tain. In 92 overs' batting, they reached 283 for five, which tells its own story, too. This great ground, which is

to have around £4.2 million from the Lottery Sports Fund spent on it, was virtually empty yesterday. Jones. though, is not a cricketer in need of any motivation. When bad light brought about the close of play half an hour early, he was unbeaten with 71. having batted in all for 243 minutes. There were runs, too, for Vince Clarke, who made the kind of contribution that Derbyshire were looking for when they acquired him from

It is when one notes that Jones is younger than his compatriot, David Boon, and has played in half the number of Test matches, that Australia's strength becomes even more apparent. Hayden, Moody, Boon, Law and Jones would make for a batting order England would appreciate. And field. They would all have been quite capable of



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The ITC leaderboard published yesterday included some incorrect scores. To check your scores and position in the league call the ITC check

0891 884 624 (0990 100 349 outside UK) making a contribution at the highest level this summer.

Jones is not one to concern himself with that now. Nor with the grim weather, murky. light and paltry attendance he found yesterday. He even has a good word to say about Derby, and there are not many cricketers who do. He batted here with the utmost watchfulness, collecting runs rather than imposing himself on what, in the continued absence of Mohammad Zahid, is not a strong attack. Nothing about the remain-der of the batting, other than

when Clarke came in late in the day, was particularly dis-tinguished. The pitch was of the hue that Ron Allsopp used to prepare for Hadlee and Rice, but the reality was that it was slow and better suited to the likes of Archer and Bowen, rather than anybody who tried to bowl with more zip. There was just enough movement to concern all the upper order.

Barnett, who became the first Derbyshire cricketer to score 2,000 runs against one county, was well taken by Noon off Bowen, flicking at a ball down the leg side. It was, for a batsman, the most unsatisfactory kind of dismissal. Rollins grafted admirably until he, too, was caught at the wicket, Archer wobbling the ball around just enough to

induce an edge.
Adams struck the ball in that forceful way of his until, having made 39, he drove at a wide one from Franks and was missed by Noon. The chance was one of those that was going to first slip. Seem-ingly disconcerted by this. Adams aimed to pull Bowen through mid-wicket and was

Another Australian in this erbyshire side, Cassar (like arke, he qualifies for England), ill-advisedly made to cut a wide one from Bowen and was snaffled by Noon. Clarke came in and hit the ball more positively than anybody. His half-century came off 84 balls and included eight fours. He is proving to be a fair acquisition, for he can also bowl useful leg spin.

His captain, whose innings included six fours, spurred him on before the gloaming



Jones accumulates another four runs on his way to 71 not out yesterday

Anwar surpasses Richards

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAEED ANWAR, the Pakistan opening batsman, made 194, the highest individual score in international one-day cricket, as his side ran up a massive 327 for five against India in an Independence Cup match in Madras yesterday.

The 28-year-old left-hander overcame cramp and the handicap of batting with a runner to hit five sixes and 22 fours as he surpassed the record of 189 not out, set by Vivian Richards against England at Old Trafford in 1984. Anwar faced 147 balls before his dismissal in the 47th over after the Pakistan captain.

Ramiz Raja, had won the toss. Although it was Anwar's first one-day century against India it was his twelfth in all.

Anwar put on 89 for the second wicket with his captain after the early departure of Shahid Afridi, who returned to act as a runner soon after Anwar had passed his halfcentury. Ijaz Ahmed contributed 39 to a third wicket partnership of 116.

When Anwar reached three figures he joined Sachin Tendulkar, India's captain, in second place in the list of leading one-day century-makers, behind Desmond Haynes, of West Indies, who has 17.

Three of Anwar's sixes came off successive deliveries from the leg spinner. Anil Kumble, usually a restrictive bowler, in an over that cost 26 runs. He finally fell to a tired pull off Tendulkar that resulted in a catch for Saurav Ganguly at fine leg.

Anwar was given a standing ovation by a crowd of 50,000, who saw Inzamam-ul-Haq inflict further heavy punishment as he raced to 39 not out to take Pakistan past 300. Sri Lanka, the holders of the

World Cup, will meet the winners of the match in the best-of-three final, starting on Saturday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Larder goes as Sheffield slide down the table

By Christopher Irvine

PHIL LARDER, the Great Britain coach, became the seventh Super League coach to lose his job since the start of the season when he parted company with Sheffield Eagles by mutual consent last

Larder's departure follows series of disappointing results since he took over last November, which have left Sheffield struggling at ninth place in the league. Sheffield promoted John Kear, Larder's assistant and the Great Britain Academy team coach, to the senior position, two weeks before the start of the world

club championship. Terry Sharman, the Sheffield chief executive, said the timing was particularly unfortunate after the club's recent public flotation. The board felt it had to deal with our recent poor performances by making this difficult deci-

Larder and Kear took over at Sheffield last year after the departure of Gary Hether-ington to Leeds as chief executive. The Eagles achieved only their third win, at Paris Saint-Germain, last weekend, but Larder's fate was apparently sealed before then.

Although still the Britain coach, it is unlikely Larder will be retained in that post. Joe Lydon, the Rugby Foot-ball League technical director, is compiling a short list, but two of the candidates, John Joyner and Andy Goodway. have been among the Super League coaching casualties Goodway, however, will assume control at Paris this

After dropping three points in two matches. St Helens must defy indifferent form and a worrying injury toll at Salford tonight in order to maintain their interest in retaining the title. It is the first of three important games in !! days for them, with Wigan due at Knowsley Road next Monday and a visit to Halifax

of Bradford Bulls at the top, are without four international players. Confirmation that Tommy Martyn, who was injured playing for Ireland last week, requires a second knee reconstruction in two years, means that Karle Hammond's switch from looseforward to stand-off half is delayed.

St Helens, five points adrift

Paul Newlove and Alan Hunte, recovering from hamstring tears, might be fit for the visit of Auckland Warriors, on June 6.

ATHLETICS

Christie back in **British vest** for final time

By David Powell, athletics corresponden

FOR the good folk of Gateshead who bought tickets to watch the post-Olympic athlet-ics international in their hometown last August, on the understanding that it was to be Linford Christie's last appearance in a Great Britain vest, be advised: do not bother to keep the tickets for historic or sentimental value. Christie will be named today as the British men's team captain for the European Cup in Munich next month.

It is appropriate that Christie, through his best years as a sprinter, has worn the logo of a cat on his clothing, for there is nothing that he appears to like more than to play cat and mouse. He said in 1995 that he would retire when the season was over. Then, having said last summer that 1997 would be his last in competitive athletics, except for a handful of club fixtures and other lowkey events, he chose the evening of the Gateshead meeting to announce that he would be available for the

European Cup. We wondered then what to believe, but now his intentions are clear. That will be my last British appearance," Christie said of his Munich date, one which, incidentally, sees British athletes give service to their country free of charge. That is a lot of free service from Christie over the years. Nobody has a better European Cup record. His II individual victories, at 100 and 200 metres, is a record for the competition and he has never been beaten.

Christie, now 37, has no intention of going to the world championships in Athens in August and, underlining the point, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) will further announce today that Christie's successor will take over immediately after the European Cup. Roger Black, Britain's 400 metres Olympic silver medal-winner, will fill the role for the remainder of the season and probably beyond. Sally Gunnell remains the women's captain.

Although the British Athletes' Association recommended to the BAF that Black captain, it would be fitting if Britain, after finishing runners-up in five consecutive European Cup meetings, rould win for the first time since Christie's opening year as cantain.

However, one questions the disciplinary nerve of the BAF when it appoints as captain an

athlete who refused to show the team sponsor's logo in the last European Cup.

At the other end of the scale to the 100 metres. Jon Brown, Britain's No I cross country and 10,000 metres runner, is to make his marathon debut in Chicago on October 19. Brown, who says there is nobody in world marathon running who impresses him. sees Chicago as his first step to an Olympic medal at Sydney

There is a lot of room to do well at the top," Brown, the pion and Olympic 10,000 me-tres finalist, said. There are good people around but there is nobody with exceptional ability." Saying that he thought he would be better than Martin Fiz. the world champion, from Spain, Brown said: "I am pretty sure I will



Black: to follow Christie

not have any problems with

the event."
While Richard Nerurkar. Paul Evans and Eamonn Martin have had their big race successes, none has won an international championship marathon medal. If Brown is to prove as devastating at the event as he seems to think he will, Chicago will provide a stiff ürst test.

Paul Evans will be defending the Chicago title he won last year, when he became only the third Briton to break 2hr 09min, recording 2:08-52. As Carey Pinkowski, the race director, has also signed Todd ted States is pinning as much hope as Britain is on Brown, Chicago can boast a fascinat-

ing line-up. Evans said: "Carey has built cuite a field, so I am going to have to run faster than last year to win." Pinkowski said: "The foundation has been laid for a very fast race."

Britannic Assurance county championship Glamorgan v Hampshire CARDEF (first day of four; Glamorgan won loss): Hampshire have accred 94 for one wickel against Glamorgan

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Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
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Olympic champion to attempt double

THE STREET STREET

MARIE-JOSE PEREC, winner of the Olympic 200 and 400 metres in Atlanta last year, will attempt an unprecedented 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles double at the world championships in Athens in August.

Perec will have to run two qualifying rounds of the 400

metres on the same day. "I've never seen anything like that before," she said. "It will be a real pain in the neck, especially as we will have to run the semi-finals the next day."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has ratified two Atlanta records - Michael Johnson's 19.32sec in the 200 metres and Donovan Bailey's 9.84sec in the 100 metres. Johnson and Bailey will meet June 1 at the SkyDome in Toronto in a 150-metre match race.

Lumley takes grand slam

REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, of Britain, the world champion, completed the grand slam of titles when she won the United States Open championship, defeating Jill Lippincott, of the United States, 6-0, 6-0 in the final (Sally

Her victory in the final at Newport, Rhode Island, was an easy one, but she had already notched up tougher wins in the French, Australian, British and world championships.

Catley defends at home

BOXING: Glenn Catley, from Bristol, is to meet Manuel Lopez, of the United States, in the first defence of his World Boxing Council international middleweight title. Catley, 25. who won the title against Bocco George in January, takes on the unbeaten Lopez at Whitchurch Sports Centre, in Bristol, on June 5. Ross Hale, the former British and Commonwealth light-welterweight champion, is also on the bill.

Halpin will lead Irish

RUGBY UNION: The Irish Development side open their tour of New Zealand and Western Samoa with a match against Northland, the second division team, at Whangarei today. Brian Ashton, the Ireland coach, has named six uncapped players, with the team being captained by Gary Halpin, of London Irish, who, at 31, is the oldest member of the tour squad.

Oliver wants more

BOXING: Spencer Oliver wants to challenge for the World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title held by Daniel Zaragoza, of Mexico. The announcement by the 22-year-old southern area champion, from Finchley, came yesterday after he had silenced the doubters by stopping Martin Krastev, of Bulgaria, the European champion, inside four rounds at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, on Tuesday.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is another hand from the Schiphol tournament I mentioned yesterday. What would you bid on this hand after the auction below? (You are West, at favourable vulnerability.)

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he could expect to make when East could only bid a competitive Three Hearts at his second turn. It was one off, for 100 to North-South. Double looks right to me, the bid found at the other table, but what would you lead? This is the full deal:

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Contract: Five Spades Doubled, by South. Lead: ? With two certain trump tricks diamonds and North gave jump support. That suggested a nine-card fit, marking East

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and a partner who had opened the bidding West probably thought the matter unworthy of thought, and led a club. When the defence's three spade honours fell in two rounds, declarer made his contract.

A little consideration would have led West to the conclusion that he should have led a diamond. South overcalled in

Thus if West leads the suit at trick one he can give East a ruff when he wins the first trump. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

with a singleton diamond.

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PROA a. A boat b. A bird c. An ecclesiastical hat

ROSQLIO a. The nightingale b. A sweet liqueur c. Rose-hip oil

QUAQUAVERSAL a. A duck b. Ubiquitous c. A restraining writ PRESTER a. A commando

b. An ox-cart

c. A snake

Answers on page 50

KEENE 🧖 CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Failed gambit

Today I conclude my coverage of England's gold medal-winning performance at the European team championship with yet another of grandmaster Matthew Sadler's fine wins.

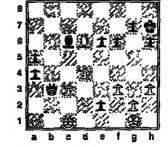
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Diagram of final position



Kasparov's challenge

World champion Garry Kasparov has challenged IBM's Deep Blue computer to a match of ten games, with play every second day. He has also demanded, as a condition of playing, access in advance to the log of ren Deep Blue games against a neutral player to another computer.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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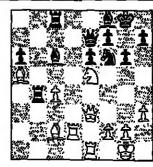
28 Oc2

29 Rxa3

30 Ra1

White to play. From the game Karpov — Andersson, Monaco 1997. In this game both players were playing without sight of the board. Black has just captured a pawn on b4, expecting the continuation ! Bxb4 Qxb4. What had he

missed? Solution on page 50



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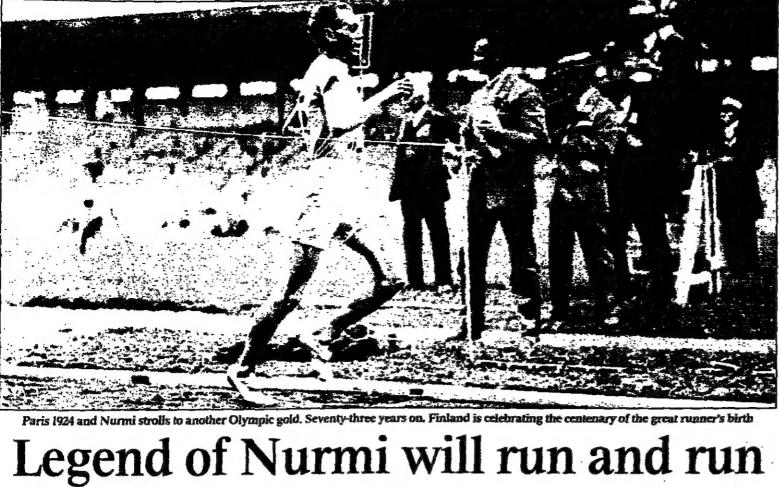
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BRYANT'S

I you need a break from the endless stories of drugs, money and ballroom dancing that seem to dominate sport this week, perhaps you should look at Finland. There they are devoting the whole year to celebrating a sporting legend who was born a century ago and whose achievements provide a glimpse of Finland's golden athletics era between the two world wars.

In sport, world record-holders come and go, many of them remembered only as entries in a statistical summary, but in athletics, and in Finland. there is one man whose reputation is indestructible — Paavo Nurmi.

The celebrations, marking the cente-

nary of his birth in 1897, began with a full-scale banquet in January and will climax with a centenary week early next month, including a two-day athletics championship and the inauguration of the Nurmi studium in

Turku, the city of his birth. It is futile to try to work out who has been the greatest runner or the best sportsman of all time, but the Finns have no doubt. During his track career. which lasted from 1913 to 1934, he won nine Olympic gold medals and set so many world records that it is impossible to count them exactly (there were 28 in one ten-year period). In the 1920s he ranked with film stars as one of the world's best-known personalities. In

He was the son of a carpenter and had fallen in love with running by the age of 12. He made a remarkable decision, for one so young, that he would train easily but regularly for five years and then quality and quantity. He began

by running three or

four times a week. usually in the forests. He was always an innovator and would sometimes use trams as pacemakers for speed work. At 13 he became an errand boy and often had to spend hours pushing carts up a hill to Turku railway station. This gave him great leg strength.

The young Nurmi became obsessed with athletics. He briefly became a vegetarian, he neither smoke nor drank and would not touch coffee or tea. He was unbeaten on the track until after he had completed his national service and was sent as national champion to the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp. He suffered from seasickness on the journey and was beaten into second place in the 5,000 metres by Joseph Guillemot, of France. Three days later, in the 10,000 metres, Nurmi evened the score. He worked out that faulty pace

judgment had cost him the 5,000 metres and set out to that would con-

develop a pattern of level-pace running found any opposi-tion. He took to carrying a stop-watch in his hand, which became his trademark in training and races. He would peer into his palm, as if for inspiration, so that many believed it was

not a watch at all, but a silver medallion with a picture of his mother. By the time the 1924 Olympic Games came around, Nurmi was so dominant that the organisers scheduled the 1,500 metres and the 5,000 metres within 75 minutes of each other in an attempt to stop him running in both.

made no difference. He won both races and added the gold medal in the cross country, run in a heatwave. Of the 39 starters, only 15 finished and 18 ended up in

In 1925 he toured the United States, where he raced 55 times in five months and was only beaten twice. When he dropped out of an indoor 5,000 merres. suffering from indigestion, rumours swept Finland that Nurmi had died.

There could be no other explanation for him not finishing a race.

He took gold in the Olympic 10,000 metres in Amsterdam in 1928, but already injury and rheumatism were troubling him. He dreamt of a grand finale to his career with victory in the 1932 Olympic marathon in Los Angeles but, on the eve of the Games, the International Olympic Committee, under pressure from his Swedish rivals, suspended him for allegedly taking excessive expenses during a trip to Germany.

Nurmi returned home to run as a "national amateur" but became increasingly bitter and reclusive. He had always been a loner, and though he married in 1932, his wife, Sylvi, was seeking a divorce before the marriage was 18 months old. The Finnish people though, continued to love him.

Six years ago a Swedish newspaper made a vain attempt to smear Nurmi's name with a story that a health drink, endorsed by him in the 1930s and containing the extract of bull's testicles, had in it traces of testosterone, and that this might have been his secret.

Rubbish, of course. Nurmi's secret was that his training methods were decades ahead of his rivals. As the Finnish people enjoy their Year of Nurmi, they know that theirs is one legend that will keep on running.

JOHN BRYANT

RUGBY UNION: LEONARD AT THE HELM AS JOHNSON MISSES OPENING MATCH OF LIONS TOUR

Rodber gets chance to make impression

RUGHY CORRESPONDENT

TIM RODBER was yesterday named in the British Isles team for the first match of the . tour of South Africa, against an Eastern Province Invitation XV on Saturday. The Northampton No8 will play at the Boet Erasmus stadium in Port Elizabeth, where he land tour three years ago.

Ironically. Rodber was one of two players (Tim Stimpson being the other) suffering from a stomach ailment and unable to train at King's Park here. the first time a match XV has run together against their tour colleagues in a very physical workout. Although Fran Cotton, the manager, dismissed the past as irrelevant in terms

is no doubt that a good display on the ground where he lost his temper will set Rodber up for future tests.

In 1994, he had been part of an England team that excelled in beating South Africa in Pretoria. Three days later, he came on as a replacement against Eastern Province and, after 18 minutes, was involved in a violent exchange with from New Zealand, which resulted in both being sent off. Surprisingly, no suspension was imposed but Rodber was a shadow of his normal self in the second international the next Saturday.

The 27-year-old Army officer will form part of an all-England back row, in a team led by Jason Leonard, "I don't think this game will be a problem for Tim." Leonard said. "It's not in his nature to play like that.
"It was a very hard game,

not very well refereed, between two sides neither of them prepared to take a backwards step. Tim's very strong mentally, one of the strongest people I know in that respect. He knows what he has to do but also it will be an important game for everyone. The captaincy is an honour for me but it's a massive honour for all those players who have the responsibility of getting the tour off to a good start."

Leonard, who captained England against Argentina last December, was an obvious choice in the planned absence of Martin Johnson. Given the number of games he played during the domestic season, the tour captain was one of several players always likely to he given this Saturfrontline players to be fresh and fit when we arrive at the Tests," Cotton said.

That has not prevented the selection at half back of Robert Howley and Gregor Townsend, who would probably be the first choice of lan McGeechan, the coach, at this stage of the tour. There may have been a temptation to shield Howley, in particular,

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from what will be a far from genteel encounter, but, if they are to form an effective combination, the sooner they set about it the better. The side for Saturday in-cludes nine players who could well be involved in the first

international with South Afri-

ca, on June 21.

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 47

(a) A Malay host propelled by sails or by oars. Specifically a sailing boat of a particular type used in the Malay archipelago. It is about 30 feet long, has both stem and stern sharp, adopting ROSOLIO

(b) A sweet cordial made in Italy and Southern Europe from spirits, raisins and sugar. From the Latin ros dew + solis of the

OUAQUAVERSAL (b) Turning or pointing in every direction. Chiefly geological. From the Latin. (c) A serpent, the bite of which was fabled to cause death by swelling. Also, a burning or searching whirlwind. From the Greek verb pimpranai, precin to burn.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A comical love triangle

My Wonderful Life: Kiss and Tell

ITV, 8.30pm Simon Nye's sittom is turning out to be less hard-edged than it promised. Donna (a feisty perform-ance from Emma Wray) is still the single mother trying to hold down a job while bringing up two young daughters. She still contributes to her own mistortunes, undercritting our natural sympathy misfortunes, undercuting our natural sympathy for one of lifes victims. But tonight's episode, at least, puts social comment aside in favour of less. challenging humour. Donna has two men in her life and cannot decide between them. The joke is taken a stage further as she tries to play one off against the other and comes close to losing both. The writer, Amanda Swift, charts this in a wellstructured scenario that also explores Donna's attempts to wean her children off their obsessive television watching. But it is gender humour than was suggested by the opening episode.

Bodyguards ITV, 9.00pm

TV, 9.00pm

The plot is the usual one. A high-profile figure with deadly enemies arrives in London and the close protection team has to ensure that he survives the visit in one piece. As usual, too, lovely Liz (Louise Lombard) and dishy Ian (Sean Pertwee) almost make a hash of it. John Bowe plays a dodgy businessman based in Switzerland who flies in to give evidence to an arms inquiry. A nasty man with a large gun is determined to stop him. Arabs, Israelis, MI5 and a traitor in the entrepreneur's own camp are variously suspected of being the gumman's paymaster. But although the scenario has faint echoes of the arms-for-Iraq episode, be assured that this is merely a peg. Action, not politics, and simple tales of goodies and baddies, are what this show is about. But it delivers its limited agenda with professional polish.

Short and Curlies: It's Not Unusual

Channel 4, 9,45pm A new series of short films by emerging talents opens with a piece that has already been honoured with a Balta award. And deservedly so, for the writer, Asmaa Pirzada, and director. Kfir Yefet, have used a simple premise, a woman's obsession with a pop star, to fashion a witty and perceptive

Angus Deayton on lying (BBCI, 10.20mm)

drama that says a lot in its II minutes. Meera Syal plays a London cabble and Tom Jones is her idol much to the disgust of her schoolgirl daughter. Cab rides are dominated by Tom Jones tapes, played at full volume. But having admired her idol so long from afer, this ordinary single mother from Acton suddenly has the chance to deliver a package to his London hotel. Her dazed reaction, ridiculous antempt to dress up for the occasion and embarrassment in fulfilling the task are the prelude to the perfect punchline.

The Lying Game: Natural Born Fibbers BBC1: 10.20pm ...

We are all cheats, claims Angus Deayton, providing we can get away with it. Ferhaps not all of us. Take the Alcocks, father and son, anglers. Dad, who would never dream of doing anything underhand, is a consistent numer-up. Alcock junior bends the rules and is a champion, though he admits to having a conscience about it. The star of the film, though, is 75-year-old Sid Chaney from Essect Badly treated, as he saw it, by a high street hank, he took his revenge by starting a series of bogus accounts using the names of his pets. He has run up credit cand debts of more than £100,000 and somehow emerged unscathed. But as if so assure somehow emerged unscathed. But as if to assure us that fiddling does not always pay. Deayton introduces us to a wiman who shows guinea pigs. Unlike some fellow competitors, she sticks rigidly to the rules. She still wins.

Peter Wayman's

This is one of those quirky programmes which starts off as a moderately interesting idea and becomes a success thanks to the chemistry of the people who take part. A women's bowls club might

people who take part. A women's bowls club might be thought to be some way from the women's lib territory occupied by Germaine Greer, and old age pensioners are not tamous for their militancy. But at the South Cliff Bowling Club in Scarborough, whose committee had been all-male for as long as anyone could remember, the women members began a campaign for equal rights; a role beyond inadraising and serving teas. Beny Charnock became the lead campaigner and now there are not just women on the committee but Mrs Charnock is the club campain.

the club captain. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.80em Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridien Books 8.15 Cf. the Shall 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Passe for Thought 9.15 Turning a Tune 9.30 Tommy Vance 19.95 World Sceiness. Report. 10.15 A Private View 40.30 SBC English 18.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 Discovery 12.30pm Born a Girl 12.45 From Qur. Own Consepondent 1.65 World Business Report 1.15 British Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.35 Culicols 3.20 Multitrack X-Press 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Turning a Tune 4.30 News in German 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Eritain, Today 6.30 News in German 6.40 Sports Roundup 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Passe for Proundup 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Passe for Proundup 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Passe for Proundup 6.30 John Peal 8.00 Newshour 10.05 World Business Report 10.15

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CLASSIC FM

Where Harry Meets Betty

Radio 4, 7.20pm

RADIO CHOICE

On The Ropes Radio 4, 9.30am

well recall the excitement in the offices of The Times on March 23, 1989, when someone amounced that American scientists had discovered the secret of cold fusion. This sounded discovered the secret of cold fusion. This sounded tremendously important, even though it was several hours before I half understood what it meant. Therefore it was a relief to find, a few days later, that scientists at Utah University might not have quite got it right, even though they were the ones who had discovered it. No one could re-create the experiment and a Congressional committee concluded that cold fusion was as elusive as even in this programme. John Humphrys mean one of the scientists, Professor Martin Reischmann, and discovers why he out his regulation on the line. discovers why he put his reputation on the line.

RADIO 1

7.00mm Mark Redolffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo While 2.00pm Nicky Campbel 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsber 6.30 Session 8.30 Global Update 8.40 John Paul 10.30 Mar Anne Hobbs 1.00mm Claire Sturgess 4.00mm Che Warren

RADIO 2

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RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Middley with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Malsonwide 7.00 Name Edite 7.35 On the Une. Investigative sports programme 8.00 inside Edge 9.00 David Gower's Cocket Weekly 10.00 News Talk with Plaul Reynolds 11.00 News Edge 12.00 After House with Vincent Hanna 2.00em Up All Night with Rhod Sherp

TALK RADIO 5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Watz 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scoti Chisholm 12.00 Loraine Kely 2.00pm Toming Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 18.09 Leroes Whate 1.00em lan Collins

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6.00mm Ruse 'n' Jono 19.00 Grahâm Dene 1.00pm Jerem Clark 4.00 Neier Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Berks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrer 2.00em Fandar Les Rose

6.00mm On Air, with Perry Gore, Includes Marc-Antoine Charpender (Let Plaisis de Versallins): Dvořák (Cypresses, excepte); Charatinis (Overture: Les Deux Journées); Tohelkowsky (Capsicot) Rallen); Saint-Seisse (Sarabande et Rigeudon); James Paistòle (Airs in the Comady of the Humours of Sir John Fastail); Furins (Plano Ouartet in A minor, Op 67) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catatone Young Includes Smetuna (Sarka, Mér Viast); Fauré (Fentes), Op 79; Mirages, Op 113); Eiger (String Ouartet in E minor). 10.00 Mirasteal Encounters. From the Bath International Music Festival. The Prinath Tho perform paino trics by Haydin and Mendelscolm. Imagen Cooper Johns Altred Brendet in Mozar's Plano Concert in E tel, K365, and accombanies Wolfgang Holamar, bandone in some Schumann letter. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Nicholes Gleobury, continue the series of 20th-century concertos for orchestra with Tippett's Concerto for Orchestra.

4.15 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Britten-Pears Ensemble and the plenist lean Burnside. Prokofiev (Overtise on Jewith Themes); Frank Martin (Plano Quintel); Strauss, arr Schoenberg (Emperor Waltz) (f)
5.00. The Moste Mechine, with Verity Sharp
5.15 to Tome, with Mart Nicolson, Includes Barber (O Boundleas, Boundleas, Evening); Louis Andriessen (On Jimmy Yancey); Quilmant (Scherzo Symphonique in C, Op 55 No 2); Benry Guy (Five Fizzles)

Symphonique in C, Op 55 No 21, Barry Guy (Five Fazies)
7.30 BBC Philinemonola. Live from Bridgewater Hell, Menchester: Conductor Yan Pascal Torteliar, Juliar Lloyd Webber; celle, Gillian Werr, organ, Webrn (Crown Imperial); Biger (Cello Concerto in Emino) 8.10 A View from the Bridgewater, Gillian Crafte reads far own poetry 8.30 Concert, part two, Blaet Saise, Cerment); Seint-Sains (Symphony in C milcor, Organ)
8.40 Young Indiana, Noet Richer talks to Bengali author Uparanyu Chafterjee about his nove!
English, August (4/5)
10.00 Missic Restored, Countertenor Robin Blaze is accompanied on harpsichord and organ by Andrew Smith in music by Purcell, Handel and Byrd.

18.46 Night Wares. The histories John Brewer discusses the tole of entrepreneurs and audiences, socioels and reviewers of the 18th century in singuing rotions of high culture and laste which remain influential today.

11.36 Componer of the Weelc Leber (f)

12.30em Jacz Notes. Ahm Shipton takes to Jesse Stone and his wife Evelor Modines Stone, a vocalist with the International Sweethearts of Phythm

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeoci.

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3.00 Ulaber Orchestre, under John Careve, With Jane.
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Occasion

12.00 Composer of the Weisl: Hersel

5.00pm Live from the Bridgenester Hall. A concert
from Manchester. Gillen Weir, organ. Bach (Organ
Sonata in D minor, BWVS27); Lizzi (Fantasy and
Fugue on Ad Nos. Ad Satutarem Undern); Guy
Resel (Calemann)

Boyet (Selemence)
Vertesse Volces, includes excerpts from 70scs,
La Boharne and Andrea Chemer with sargess
including Ceruso. Del Moneco, Paverotti and

Auth Augusta and Cheles Rey as Heavy Pulling (US)

10.00 Daily Survice (LIR) 10.15 On This Day (LIR)

10.30 2.00 Criciat: One-Day international (LIR).

Coverage from Headingley of the first Terado One-Day Trophy game between England and Australia

10.39 Wassan's Hour (FM), with Jenn Mussay

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM). Reputsion BBC correspondents around the world from BBC correspondents around the world tom BBC correspondents around the world tom BBC system and Yours (FM). Consumer allows and current allows with Mark Whittaker

12.25 pp. Sightly Forced (FM). A literary quiz challed by Gill Pyrah. The guests this week are Sinton Brof. Frank Delaney, John Walen and Profession Lisa Jackine 12.56 Weather

1.00 The World at One (FM)

1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) 1.55 Shaping Forecast 2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play; losside. Outlander, by Carol McSulgen Filling in with the unwritten rules of white South Alicia seams an impossible task for a teenage gal uproofed from Newcastle in the 1970s.

3.00-6.20 Criciate One-Day Enternational (LM).

Newcastle in the 1970s 3.00-6.30 Cricket: One-Day International (LW). Continued two coverage of England v Australia at

Headingley

3.00 Name: The Afternoon Shift (Fili), will Daire
Brehan and guests

4.00 News (Fill) 4.05 Kaleidoscope (Fill), Lynne Walter takes over the Library Thester in Manchester to talk to musicans and performers taking part in a musical 4.46 Street Shory: Uncle Ids and the Countees (Fill), by Linda Cookson. Read by Janet Maw 5.06 Pill (Fill), with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.05 Shophing Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.30 The House of The Spirit Larves. The continues on of Nick Revell's cornedy. With David Sedil, Maggie Steed and Alson Steadman (4/5) 7.00 News 7.06 The Anchest 7.00 News 7.06 The Spirit News 1.00 News

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 57.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 98.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 52.4-94.6. LW 196; MW 720. RADIO 5. LIVE. MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am); CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102 VIRGIN RADIO. FM 106.8; MW 1187, 1215. TALK RADIO. hW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Steam Thomson, Jame Gregory and John McNamara.

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In the age of stippling, the scumbler is king

REVIEW

something important missing in your life, but you cannot put your finger on it. Is it (a) eight hours' sleep a night? (b) a wiss bank account? or (c) a new daily relevision programme that teaches you how to decorate your home on a shoestring budget using stylish but practical tips from experts whose lives will be complete if they can "inspire people to pick up a paintbrush and have a go at interior design ? Did you tick c)? You did? Then rejoice, because Real Rooms (BBCI) has arrived.

Not that long ago, decorating consisted of emulsioning the walls and then rearranging your lamps in a way that diverted attention from the patches you missed when you were painting and watching telly at the same time. But we are all David Hicks now.

Today, the fast crowd talk about scumbling and hand-mixed paints the way they once used to talk

dmit it. You know there is about wood ovens and salted capers. Nowadays, no area of the house is too small or too unimportant to receive forensic attention from the authors of those decorating manuals flooding into your local bookshop. There is even a book called Decorating Entrances, Stairways and Landings. Some publisher must already be working on Making The Most Of That Bit Between The Lavatory And The Loo Brush. While you are waiting for it to arrive, Real Rooms might

keep your decorating fever at bay. Yesterday, the programme's decorating hit squad attacked Mary Wooliscroft's bathroom. It has been specially adapted to cope with her multiple sclerosis, but Mary finds the room too white and clinical. She has a budget of £250 and a hankering for the tropical colours of the rainforest. In just three days, three professionals including a mural artist — turned her airy bathroom into something

green and swamplike from the closing scenes of Apocalypse Now. The budget? Mary's £250 would barely have met the cost of materials, let alone the fancy artistry. The hand-painted loo seat would have cost £250 alone: the palm-tree-and-parrots mural several times that, which made the project about as "real" as Pamela Anderson's cleavage.

To her credit, when Mary epilepsy, too. For most of us, interior design is an armchair hobby: we read an

caught sight of her new bathroom, she refrained from croaking "The horror, the horror!" like Marlon Brando. But she did weep. Tears of joy. no doubt. But you couldn't help feeling that the BBC - by leading her, unwarned, into this Heart Of Darkness - was taking a risk, given that Mary suffers from

article about white-walled mini-

Joe Joseph

malism and make a mental note to adopt this style just as soon as we have adopted some friends who promise only to wear white linen when they come to visit. But Crimewatch UK's Hot Property (BBC1) was about people who like other people's interior design so much, they steal it. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery. but burglary is the cheapest. Jill Dando led us through a ty that the Metropolitan Police is trying to reunite with its former owners. The police own two London warehouses full of stolen goods: the bigger of the two stocks a hoard worth \$40 million. Every now and then they put the hoard on show. So far 42,000 have visited this roadshow. About 100 items rejoin former owners every day.

But as all these treasure-hunters arrived to reclaim their candlesticks, you realised why the police are left holding this stuff: the former owners are too busy celebrating the fact that they will never again have to find shelf-room for those ugly wedding presents. The astonishing thing is not that a burglar had thought most of these objects worth stealing, but that an adult of sound mind thought them worth buying in the first place.

The most intriguing exhibit was a cache of 60 sets of church vestments, threaded with gold and

special roadshow of stolen proper-silver, some dating from the 18th century. Why has nobody noticed they are missing and come along to reclaim them?

> aybe the victim of this robbery is shy about reclaiming his property because he knows Jill Dando will immediately swoop and ask: How does it feel to have it back?" How does Jill think they feel? Actually Jill, having driven all the way from Carlisle, I was naturally hoping I wouldn't recognise anything. But, just my bad luck, I've gone and spotted my grandmother's ring." What would we make of Jeremy Paxman if, when interviewing Tony Blair. he asked: "So teil us. Tony, are you pleased the general election went your way?"

In his latest sift through Amerifor cultural rhinestones in Planet Showbiz (Channel 4), Mark Lamarr introduced us to Doctor Dave and Athletic Al. Dave

to the national shortage of unmarried, heterosexual men. Dave is a boyfriend-in-a-box. So is Al. For your \$15, you could also choose a greetings-card-sized box containing everything you (and your solicitous relatives) might want to know about Firefighter Frank, Cowboy Clint or Corporate Craig. The boxes even contain love letters from your chap, along with a photo and details of his parents' names, his salary, his hobbies, and which car he drives.

Lamart was unimpressed by Dave's goal in life, which is "to have a successful practice in a midsized town". But on the bright side, if you are careless enough to lose Dave, you will not have to attend a Jill Dando roadshow to recover him. You just buy a replacement. Athletic Al is 6ft 3in and weighs 250lb. Might make a nice change. He could even turn out to be a dab hand at stippling.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breekfast (11087) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (32483) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3800396) 9.20 Style Challenge (6271613)

9.45 Kilroy (7699261) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (51445)

11.00 News (T) (7440006) 411.05 The Great Escape (7807006) 11.35 Real Rooms (9393880) 12.00 News (I) (8077377)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (8715483) 12.35 The Practice (9156483) 1.00 News (T) and weather (39342)

1.30 Regional News and weather (86490396) 1.40 The Weather Show (99669483). 1.45 Neighbours (40589025) 2.10 Quincy (r) (6329087)

2.55 Through the Keyhola (6067280) 3.20 Connoisseurs' Collections (6121551) 3.30 Playdays (8940551) 3.50 Postman Pat (6461445) 4.05 Febr the Cat (7307377) 4.20 Julia Jekyli and Harriet Hyde (7215342) 4.35 Return to Jupiter (1052551) 5.00 Newsround (1) (4210483) 5.10 No Sweat (6096209)

5.35 Neighbours (I) (790209) 6.00 News (1) and weather (919) 6.30 Regional News (241) 7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck Alice Beer with

John Nicolson, Angela Rippon and Toyah 7.30 EastEnders Grant receives unwelcome

advice from Peggy; Mark has some, distressing news for Ruth and Lorraine's visit to see Joe turns into a nightmare (1) 8.00 Animal Hospital Steve Knight encounters a herd of wild boar while accompany-ing farm vet len Baker on his rounds; Plus: an update on Blossom, a hearing dog for the deaf as she settles in with her

new owner. Presented by Rolf Harris (T) 8.30 Keeping Mum Andrew wents Peggy to change her will in his favour, but she ands up giving him more than he anticipated.

Cornedy, starring Stephanie Cole(T) 9.00 News (T) and weather (3071).

9.30 999 A 78-year-old man left lighting for his lite after being impaled through the head with a pool cue; and a promising young rugby player who faced the prospect of losing his leg. Plus, a family struck by disaster while on holiday in Brittary, and

an amateur pilot's battle to stop his malfunctioning plane plummating to the ground (T) (569071) 10.20 The Lying Game Angus Deayton explores modern notions of fair play (T) (251700)

10.55 Question Time David Dimbleby's gue include Michael Howard, MP, and Polly Toynbee(T) (4570532) 12.00 A Climate for Killing (1990) with John Beck, Steven Bauer, Mia Sara. A big-city investigator is brought in to help a smallwn cop solve a gristy murder, and talls

for his daughter. Directed by J.S. Cardone (140439) 1.40em Weather (3861830)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: The Restless Pump How the human heart works (8169551) 6.25 Breaths of Life (8155358) 6.50 Mammais in Water (8566071)

7.15 News (1) (3521261) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3670613) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (1) (1760071) 8.20 Firemen Sam (8637209)

8.35 The Record (3934445) 9.00 Developing World (6382919) 9.25 The Geography Programme (3887445) 9.45 Watch Out (7271865) 10.00 Teletribles (34735) 10.30 Storytime (6454551) 10.45 The Experimenter (4458938)

11.05 Space Ark (7358071) 11.15 Zig Zag Special (6302716) 11:35 Landmarks: Britain Since 1930 (1193862) 12.00 Teaching Today (73867) 12.30pm Working Lunch (65939) 1.00 Liteschool (8897735) 1.35 Job Bank (86497209) 1.45 Numbertime (86477445) 2.00 Fireman Sam (r) (1030353

2.10 The Flying Vet 2.30 The Mill's Life (532) 3.00 News (T) (6125377) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (8719358) 2.55 News (1) (5204551) 4.00 Blockbusters (5118700) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (5291087) 4.55 Esther (1016613) 5.30 Today's the Day (648) 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (I)

5.45 Animated 2 (107261)



Martin Beshir and Gurkhas (7.00pm)

East: Biting the Bullet The Nepalese Gurkhas are being integrated into the British Army, offered near parity with British troops in conditions of employment, but their pension entitlement is a traction of other soldiers'. Martin Bashir reports (T) (7006) 7.30 Out and About A guide to the region's leisure activities (975) WALES: Six Of

8.00 International Cricket -- England V Australia Tony Lewis introduces highlights of the first of three Texaco Trophy one-day internationals (1919)

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous Pasty and Edina have a few language problems while holidaying in France (r) (T) (1613) 9.30 This Life Contemporary London drama. Ferdy buys some dope; Milly can't decide whether to join O'Donnell on a trip to France (T) (915716)

10.15 A Woman Called Smith NF donor Alison Smith wanted to be a midwife but found herself in the business of hostessing lingerie parties (309193) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (592731)

11.15 Late Review 100th edition (363919) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (11897) 12.30am Learning Zone: The Black Triangle (81168) 1.00 Representing the People (96236) 2.00 PETV: Hurnari Biology (61615) 4.00 Languages: Speaking Our Language/French on a Plate (91014)

5.00-5.59 Business and Work (61651)

6.00am GMTV (4453754)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6352532) 9.55 Regional News (3787667) 10.00 The Time, the Place (81261) 10.30 This Morning (62606938) 12.20pm Regional News (8066261) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9142280)

12.55 Wish You Were Here? (9054071) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (70215377) 1.50 Afternoon Live (40562358) 2.20 Vanessa (1) (40750629) 2.50 Afternoon Live

3.20 News (T) (6132667) 3.25 Regional News (T) (6131938) 3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6485025) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (7006532) 3.50 Rupert (8946735) 4.15 Mike and Angelo. Last in

series (r) (4818174) 4.40 Sweat (T) (9227657) 5.10 A Country Practice (7705193) 5.40 News (T) and weather (933087) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (604984) 6.25 HTV Weather (686193) 6.30 The West Tonight (I) (667)



Norman Bowler, Claire King (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale Frank receives a shock when Kim turns up out of the blue (T)

8.00 The Bill: Black and Blue A isakus nanny wreaks hevoc when her employers accuse her of stealing and call in Jarvis and Keane to arrest her (T) (3280) 8.30 My Wonderful Life: Klass and Tell Donna confesses

she can't decide whether she fancies macho Lawrie more than sensitive Roger 9.00 Bodyguards: Target Shaw and Worrell set up a battery of

sophisticated security precautions to -protect a businessman due to give committee (T) (8209) 10.00 News (T) and weather (61822)

10.30 Regional News (T) (436209) 10.40 The West This Week Charting Taunton

11,30 Frieze Frame: Crowning Glory A profile of wigmaker, Peter King, whose creations have been used in films such as (360087)

11.45 Highlander (994938) 12.35em in Bed with MeDinner (9399410) 1.05 Funny Business (9405410) 1.35 Cyber Cafe (3117878) 2.05 Late and Loud (2726217)

3.05 ITV Sport Classics (93196052) 3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (7569675) 4.30 The Time, the Place (63323) 5.00 Garden Calendar (49255)

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6.25 Central News (725803) 10.40 Pulling Power (947464) 11.10-11.40 Millionaires (834822) 11.40 Highlander (462754)

12.40am Funny Business (9398781) 1.10 Ed's Night Party (9404781) 1.40 Club Nation (6849588) 2.40 Access All Areas (8506323) 3.05 Late and Loud (1560217)

4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (6806089) 5.20 Asian Eye (8706675) WESTCOUNTRY

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17.45 New York News (994938) MERIDIAN

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11.40 Hunter (713990) S4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (37025)

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1.15 Derl Deg (65920777) 1.30 Film: Executive Suite (64236) 3.30 Collectors' Lat (445)

4.30 Australia Wild (464) 5.00 5 Pump (2938) 5.30 Countdown (716)

6.00 Newyddion (228613) 6,05 Heno (788990) 6.35 Sion a Sian (693483)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (718071) 7.25 Talwm y Beirdd (384025)

8.00 Yng Nghwmni -- Caryl (1822) 8.30 Newyddion (7629) 9.00 Melissa (1575533)

10.05 Film: The Playboys (919358) 12.05am Dispatches (4474120) 12.50 The Entertainers (9393236)

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12.00 House to House (68735) 12.30pm Light Lunch (81803) 1.30 Druk Yul Life in Shutan (80926261)

1.50 The Blind Goddess (1947, b/w) with Eric Portman, Hugh Williams and Michael Dennison A courtroom drama about an aristocrat accused of diverting public funds for his own use. Directed by Harold

3.25 Soak it Up A contribution to Adult Learner's Week (T) (6122280) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (445) 4.00 Filteen-to-One (T) (280) 4.30 Counidown (T) (464) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (2938) 5.30 Per Rescue (T) (716)

6.00 Springhill (T) (629) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (209) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (932071) 7.55 Soak It Up As 3 25 (r) (1) (505209)

8.00 Health Alert Shahnaz Pakravan looks at acne, a disease which, in its extreme form, can cause physical and emotional suffering (T) (1822) 8.30 Teste of the Times in the last of the series, Sophie Grigson turns her attention

to saftron, sun-dried tornatoes and goats cheese (T) (7629) 9.00 Dispatches How thousands of women were exposed to risk because of a

hospital's taiture to analyse smear tests correctly (T) (919006)



Meera Sval is a cabble (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE Short and Curlies: It's Not Unusual An award-winning short about a day in the life of a London Meera Syai (T) (349551)

10.00 Father Ted More Irish clerical corned with Dermot Morgan, Frank Kelly and Ardal O'Hanlon (r) (T) (337174) 10.35 Northern Exposure A new brand of bottled water is responsible for some

rather unusual gender-reversal behaviour (T) (514396) 11.30 The Naked Truth Nora and Nicky sneak into a film-awards evening (T) (100532) 11.55 Soak it Up As 3 25 (r) (T) (811396)

12.00 The Killing Floor (1984) with Damian Leake as a black worker in Chicago who becomes involved in union politics. Directed by Bill Duke (67061052) 2.10 Dancing for Dollars Second of a twopart documentary about the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballets (r) (2716830) 3.10 Hell Animation (86832859)

5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (82174)

3,30 Schools (71830)

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7.30 Havakazoo (5311803) 8.00 Adventures WideWorld (8260396) 9.00 Espresso (2208648) 10.00 Exclusive Ir) (7878261) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (8240532)

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3.30 Good Neighbour Sam (1964) with Jack Lemmon, Edward G. Robinson, Michael Collins and Romy Scheider. Comedy about a happily married man who agrees to act as his neighbour's husband so she can meet the provisions of a will Directed by David Swift (8464071)

5,30 100 Per Cent (9013025) 6.00 Whittle (T) (9010938)

6,30 Family Affairs Simon realises that he has been tricked (T) (9094990)

7.00 Exclusive News from the entertainment

7,30 Animal Omens: Mystery of the Flying Worms An investigation into the plague of worms that destroy millions of pounds worth of crops each year in Africa (T) (9090174) 8,00 Nancy Lam A selection of vegetanan

dishes including five-spice stir-fried salad. Plus Naricy and Ben visit a greengrocer (T) (6748879) 8.30 5 News (1669434)

9.00 The Stranger Beside Me (1995) with Tiltany-Amber Thiessen, Eric Close and Gerald McRaney, A young woman's ldyllic marriage lums sour when her husband is accused of rape. Directed by Sandor Stem (39125795)

10.40 Exclusive Extra (1765759) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and cornedy (5593700)

11.40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Comedy panel game with Graham Norton, Lee Hurst and Fred 12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine includes American, American and Asian football (79376287)

4 40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4835101)

5.30 100 Per Cent (2183385)

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gs(731) 9.30 Aerobias O2 Style (4.561) 10.00 European Cold Magazare (33613) 10.30 Live Cricket (3631938) 6.30pm Sports Centre (1551) 7.00 Live Super League (278848) 8.29 Sports Centre (866532) 9.30 Skill Salling (34809) 10.00 Sports Centre (27784) 10.30 International Cricket (39707) 12.30bm Sports Centre (42948) 1.00 Formula Titree (34323) 2.00 Formula Sport (34808) 2.00 Formula Sport (34308) 2.0 Trans World Sport (10014) 3.00-3.30 Sports

SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm Spanish Football (1529532) 10.00 Trans World Sport (1549857) 11.00 Football Screpbook (4887280) 12.30am-1.80 Gold-12.00 Pro Beach Soccer (95866754) 1.00pm World of Super League (82465193) 3.00 Full Trantis (80297071) 3.30 Pro Beach Soccer (25631880) 4.30 Inside the

Beach Scotor (23407657) 4.59 Sports Centre (65032377) 6.00 Wresting: Superstars (65032377) 6.00 Futbol Mundal (23478532) 6.00 Sport Saling (2336838) 7.00 Sports Centre (80385290) 7.30 Power-

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Australia must overcome inhospitable conditions in opening Texaco Trophy match

Green grass of home cheers England

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ENGLAND are approaching of purpose and unity. It might be thought that this should be taken for granted but it has not always been so and, if the new mood transmits to performance, there is every reason to suppose the inter-national season can begin with victory over Australia in the Texaco Trophy.

This, of course, is backing an outsider, Only last month. Australia won a one-day series in South Africa, where England were beaten 6-1 not so long ago. Australia are highly accomplished at the limited overs game and are clear favourites to win the threematch series and the opening fixture in Leeds today.

ing team has been caught short at Worcester, where careless batting on a seaming pitch saw them bowled out by an undistinguished attack inside 35 overs. In itself, this may not have fractured confidence but, as they peered Headingley yesterday and ob-served a pitch under cover against the constant threat of rain, they must have known

Headingley, of all English grounds, will naturally reproment and, although the tour management continually stress that they are happy with their limited preparation and cite their volume of recent cricket, virtually none of it has

that similar conditions will await them whenever they can home, where they are able to make the most of familiar be arranged.

> appointment, Australia won since I've been captain and I'd like to add Australia to that list," he said yesterday, during a brisk, businesslike press conference in which he spoke politely and smiled graciously but gave absolutely nothing

been played on the type of

surfaces they will encounter

Experience counts in their

favour. Australia's likely XI

today will boast an aggregate

of 900 one-day internationals; England's 15-man squad can

offer only 362. Recent results

between the sides point the same way - Australia have won seven of the past nine

The balancing factor is

England's imposing record at

conditions by selecting a spe-

cialist one-day side. They have

won nine of their past !!

completed internationals in this country and Michael Ath-

erton has collected the Texaco

Trophy in all five series since he took over the captaincy. It is

justifiably proud, although he is also aware that, only two months before his

In company with David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, and David Lloyd, the coach. Atherton had already decided on the make-up of his team for today but he was not inclined to reveal it. nor even to offer many clues. He confirmed that he would open the batting himself, as he always must, and hinted that one spinner would be sufficient on this ground. Beyond that, he was mute and inscrutable.

The likelihood is that John Crawley, Ben Hollioake, Ashley Giles and Chris Silverwood will miss out today and Atherton stressed that there is no intention of changing the side cosmetically. Asked if he would try to give everyone in the squad a game, he retorted: "No, we will try to win the England are unlikely to

accommodate a pinch-hitter.

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHILE Eric Cantona relaxes

at the home of his parents in Villar, an alpine village in the

south of France, the shock-waves created by his sudden

departure from Manchester

United at the weekend contin-

ue to reverberate. Yesterday.

Aime Jacquet, the France coach, joined the growing band of those who refused to

believe that football's former

enfant terrible has played his

final match.

at least not on a Headingley pitch liable to maintain the trends of the season. "It has been a bowler-friendly sumintense scrutiny. mer so far," Atherton said. "Around the country, the ball has been seaming. We have

Atherton's determination to start the one-day series with victory was evident as he practised in the nets at Headingley yesterday

phasis on the word "yet", it was doubtless intended. Ath-

erton is in a steely, determined and upbeat frame of mind and

one of the myths he is keen to

If there was a special em- in charge of a one-day side.

tween looking for quick, early runs and keeping wickets in

Australia have named a squad of 12 and will omit either Brendon Julian or Michael Kasprowicz this morning. Greg Blewett passed a fitness test and will bat at No 5, a place ahead of Michael Slater, who will be playing his first international game since October. Mark Taylor, the captain, will go in first and resubmit his mislaid form to

Atherton mused interestingly on the positions of the captains. "The problems of Mark and I are pretty much in

reverse," he said. "He has a form problem, which I haven't had as captain, but his team has been beating the best sides in the world, which we haven't

HEADINGLEY DETAILS ENGLAND (from): M A Atherion (captain), N V Kriight, A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, G D Lloyd, A J Holloake, M A Eatham, R D B Crolt, D Gough, P A J DeFreitas, D W Headley, C E W Silverwood, B C Holloake, A F Giles

been able to do yet."

AllSTRALIA (from) M. A. Taylor (cap-Lain), M. E. Waugh, S. R. Waugh, M. G. Bevan, G. S. Bieweit, M. J. Stater, I. A. Healy, S. K. Warne, M. S. Kasprowicz, J. N. Gillespie, G. D. McGrath, B. P. Julian.

TELEVISION: Sky 10 30am WEATHER: Gold and windy, with sunny spells. Mait temp 12C, 54F MATCHER TO COME: second one-day international: The Ovs. May 24; third one-day international: Lord's, May 25. Such a view has been regular-ly espoused, most recently by the last chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth.

played so well in one-day games for a while and I need to put that right," Atherton said, "but I enjoy them and I find they have become more challenging to captain since the 15-overs fielding restrictions came in. I was very happy with the way I handled the one-day series in New Zealand."

Wearing dark, sponsored tracksuits, England looked conspicuously smarter than the Australians at practice and, although he instinctively believes image to be bogus Atherton acknowledges that his side's needs to improve. A pity, therefore,

through no fault of the cap tain, an opportunity was fumbled on Tuesday evening, when England players were prevented by their board from appearing on a live radio panel show at Headingley. BBC radio executives are upset; the team management is embarrassed. A victory today would be timely in so many

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Jacquet was able to get closer than most to Cantona, an introverted and often reclusive figure. Nine times he gave 15 Sheet with cut pattern (7)

when Cantona was suspended for eight months after the infamous "kung-fu" incident at Selhurst Park two years ago. After he had been sent off. in an FA Carling Premiership game against Crystal Palace, Cantona kicked out at a spectator as he left the pitch. However, despite personal

him the France captain's armband until they fell out

differences, Jacquet has never Cantona's playing ability. "I am really surprised at Eric's decision." he said. "My abiding memory of

him is of the talented player who had a successful spell.

alongside me, in the French team. When the suspension came along, it stopped him in his tracks, but he is a great personality who has made his mark on football and is worthy of the utmost respect. Perhaps he has become sick

Jacquer believes that Can-tona, who is 31 on Saturday. still has much to offer the game, even though his professional appetite appears to have been satisfied by the winning of four league championship medals in five seasons with Manchester United, and one with Leeds United.

and tired of the media circus

that surrounds him."

Jacquet thinks Cantona will return "It is far too early for him to retire," Jacquet said. "I know him well, he is deeply in love with football and I am convinced that his love for the game will make him come back."

☐ There are approximately 25,000 tickets still available for England's first ever meeting with South Africa, at Old Trafford on Saturday. The game is only the second Eng-land home match to be played away from Wembley in 31 years. The Manchester United stadium's capacity has been reduced to 55,000.

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Faldo backs Woods's slam chances

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK FALDO is back at Wentworth, where he is a member. He has played at this lovely course in leafy Surrey for years and all his recent homes have been nearby. He has returned from the United States to the country of his birth to compete for the Volvo PGA Championship. the flagship event of the

European tour. He had concluded his practice for the day and the subject under discussion was not his golf but that of Tiger Woods. There is nothing new in that. Everything in golf, seemingly, is being refracted though the Woods filter. "He's doing it, isn't he?" Faldo said. "He's built for the Nineties. Good

luck to him." But whereas most courses are held to be defenceless to the phenomenal length of Woods and his red-hot putter, Faldo believes the West course at Wentworth would not fall so easily to the man

lips. For Woods, who signed a multimillion-dollar contract with American Express last Monday, the Burma Road might not do very nicely. It is not just that it is in such a quintessentially English place as Virginia Water, because Woods has won in

exotic places outside the United States. Rather it is that the classic layout by Harold Colt would test every department of Woods's game and his huge length and deadly putting might not give him as much of an edge as they usually do. "He might only use his driver on three holes - the 1st, 3rd and the 9th." Faldo said. "He would have less of an advantage here."

Golf's grand slam is victory in the game's four major professional titles in one year. It looked possible for Faldo in 1990 after he had won the Masters. He got desperately close in the US Open when his 15-foot putt to get into a play-off caught the hole and spun away. He then won the



Woods: deadly putting

Open at St Andrews and finished equal nineteenth in the US PGA.

Can Woods succeed where Faido and all others have failed? Ben Hogan got nated? Ben Hogan got nearest, winning three of the four in 1953. "Tiger has got the game throuled," Faldo said. "I have not known anyone like it since Nicklaus. He is playing a totally different course to the rest of us.

"His key clubs are his driver and the putter and

when they are working, he is unbeatable. There are no par fives for him. There is no pin that is too tight or too tough when you are going at it with an eight-iron. If you are hitting a four-iron, that is

"Of course it can be done," Faldo continued. "I got pretty darn close. Congressional the venue for the US Open is going to be playing very long. a lot of rain. The one that might throw him out of whack is Troon for the Open in July]. I don't suppose that Tiger is used to a good old

Can Woods withstand the pressure that will be focused on him as he attempts to win the grand slam? Will he remain healthy? Can he keep his game at its razor-sharp level for each championship The possibility is intriguing. "If I was 100-1 to do it in 1990 when I was hot," Faldo said. "Tiger would be 50-1."

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